

THE WISE *108a*
VIRGIN:

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A Wonderful Narration of
the various dispensations of God towards
a Childe of eleven years of age; wherein, as his
severity hath appeared in afflicting, so also his goodness
both in enabling her (when stricken dumb, deaf, and
blinde, through the prevalency of her diseale) at several
times to utter many glorious Truths, concerning *Christ*,
Faith, and other subjects; and also in Recovering her
without the use of any external means, least the glory
should be given to any other.

To the wonderment of many that came
far and near to see and hear her.

With some observations in the fourth year since
her Recovery.

Shee is the Daughter of Mr. *Anthony Hatfield*
Gentleman, in *Laughton* in *Yorkshire*; her name is
MARTHA HATFIELD.

*The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that
have pleasure therein, Psal. 111. 2.*

*All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy Saints shall
bless thee, Psal. 145. 10.*

Natura in minimis maxime mirabilis.

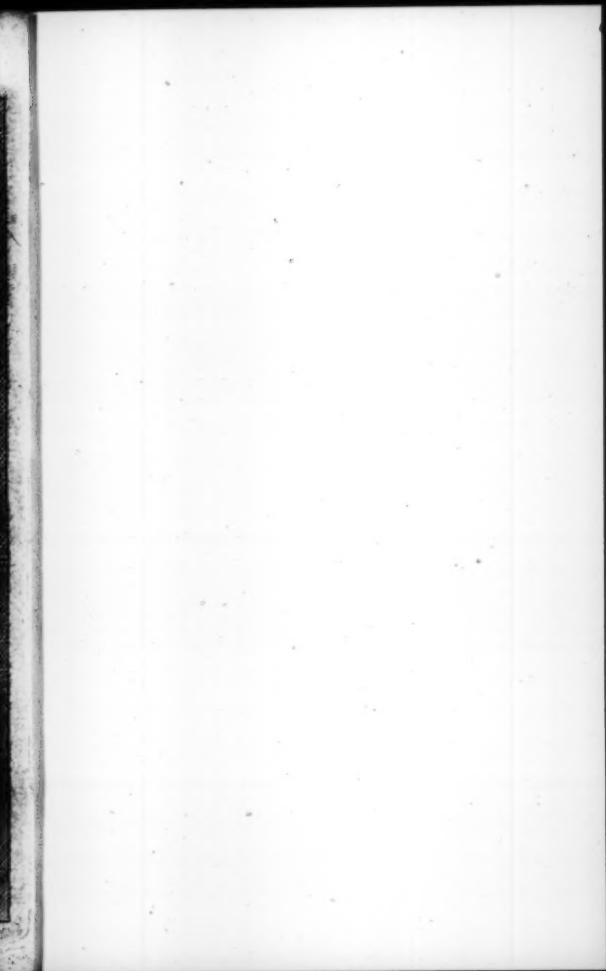
The fifth Edition enlarged, with some passages of her gra-
cious conversation now in the time of her health.

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To all those who love our Lord

*Jesus Christ in sincerity, and especially
my much endeared Friends, the Parents of
this Child of Wonders: Grace and Peace
be multiplied, through the knowledge
of God; and of Jesus our Lord.*

THE Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord
(in the whole dispensation thereof)
seems to be nothing else but a Com-
position of Wonders, every thing
therein being matter both of wonderment and
document: And as in other respects, so parti-
cularly in the manner of the propagation
thereof, and in the way whereby our wise good
God hath brought it home, and settled the
precious Truths thereof upon the hearts of his
chosen Ones. Though God useth a general U-
niformity, yet is there also a particular variety
of Dispensation; God sometimes stepping out
of the ordinary course of instituted means, to
meet with the darkness, unbelief, and other
weaknesses of poor souls, especially in these
last Ages of the World, wherein there are
some rarities of Providence, whereby God
seems to speak unto us, that he is intending to

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do some new and strange thing in the earth.

1 Cor. 1.
27, 28.

Psal. 8. 2.

And if you look narrowly what these means are which God hath chosen out, you shall plainly discover that of the Apottle to bee verified all along, that they are the *foolish, the weak, the base, and the despised things of the world*. He hath not chosen arms, or arms of the Mighty Ones, nor the mouth of the Sword, but the Sword of the mouth; for out of the mouths of *Babes and Sucklings hee hath ordained strength*, whereby hee effectueth wonderful things for the advancement of his kingdom here in this World. That which comes out of the mouths of these Babes shall accomplish his Royal Will.

* *In idem caput, though not in eundem gradum.*

Thus it was with the Head and Captain General of this Infantry, the Lord Jesus; he was at first a Babe and a Suckling; and the Apostles were such in their Original; and such are all those who are their * Successours.

But the Scripture seems to receive a further complection, even in the Letter of it in this instance and example, of which I shall now make Relation. Out of her mouth the Lord hath ordained such things should be uttered as may (I hope through his blessing) prove instrumental, for the promoting of some part, at least, of that Glorious Gospel-Designe of Love towards lapsed Creatures, which you will finde recorded in the subsequent Relati-

on,

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on, and that both in the time of her extreame weakness, as also since her Restauration and Recovery: And because God hath raised up One, so extraordinary to declare so much of his Will unto us; surely God expects that we should more than ordinarily improve these his Dispensations; and the rather, because such *Mirabilia Dei*, are usually presages of great mutations in the Countries where they are acted; and if men answer not God in such Providences, he usually gives them up to spiritual evils, and after that to temporal desolations. May not *Germany, Scotland, Ireland*, acknowledge this with tears in their eyes? that they have not walkt worthy of the Glorious appearances of God amongst them; and may not *England* subscribe the same confession in letters written (as *Draco's Laws* were) with their own Blood? Hath not God shewed signs and wonders in all these Nations? And are not spiritual judgements as gray hairs, visibly here and there upon us? and is it not observable, that the *Jews* before their being given up to utter Desolation enjoyed the highest Dispensations that ever? When a people are lifted up to Heaven (as *Capernaum* was) with Gospel-privileges, and yet have much of hell in their practices; the next news we hear of them will be that they are brought down to hell by Gods judicial Providences.

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The extraordinary works of Gods mercy being abused make way for extraordinary Judgements.

But I wish and hope that others, (but especially you my dear friends and relations, who have been eye and ear-witnesses of these rare workings of providence, and whose hearts have been so much affected therewith) will wisely consider the Lords doings, and lay them upon your hearts, until your hearts be warmed therewith, and your lives conformed accordingly.

This Childe being acquainted with some intentions of some of her Friends to print her Speeches, answered, I wish they may aim at a right end; a most seasonable *Item*: and if we do not endeavour to have them first printed in our hearts, and to publish them in our lives, we shall give but a poor account of the publication of them to the World: *Mal. 2. 15.*

If the World must know (as we do judge it fit, that such a light should not be set under a bushel) what God hath done for us; I beseech you, let's carry it so as the World may know (to our joy and not grief) what wee do for God.

Mal. 2. 15. Oh let's take heed to our spirits, that we do not with these sweet flowers of mercies, as children with their Nofegayes, smell at them and delight in them for a short time, and then cast them away. God hath done wonderful things

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things for us, O that it might appear, hee hath wrought wonderful things in us! His wonderful works do declare his Name near to us; let our works declare that his Name, his Service, Word, Worship, and all his Institutions and Commands are dear to us. If God walk in the midst of us, then we should be exactly careful, that no unclean thing be found in us. It did much aggravate *Salomons* defections from the Lord, that they were acted after God had appeared to him twice; God hath not appeared once or twice, but many times, and in sundry manners, and particularly in this Providence, (much of God appearing in her every time she spake) how great will our sin be, if after God hath given us such a Deliverance, nay, so many mercies in the womb of this, we should again break his commands, grow loose and mindless of God, and forsake his Ordinances and Waies (as many do?)

Gods Works in this instance declare his Name to be near, and that exclusively, by way of exclusion of all other names; and *David* might mean so much in that phrase that his Name and the names of all his Gallant and Heroick Commanders were to bee excluded, that Gods Name might not be obscured. God did all in this business, and therefore it's fit that he alone should be exalted. Oh let's give him that little, all we have. let's strive to exalt

Deut. 23.
18, 13, 14.

1 King. 11
12.

Ezra 9. 13
14.

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him, he may be higher in our hearts, though not in himself) and the rather, because these providences have fruitfully administered varieties of advantages for the raising up of our spirits in the exaltation of Gods glorious Name. May not the Parents of this Childe say with wonderment, *God raised up one out of Davids house, 2 Sam. 12. 11. who attempted to deprive him of his earthly kingdome*: but God hath raised one out of our Family, who may be instrumental to further our enjoyment of an heavenly kingdome? They (I know) desire th^t others would help them in endeavouring to render according to the mercies received; and how should they or others improve such dispensations, but by labouring to act faith at a higher rate, than we have done? Faith hath two legs, whereby it comes to Christ, and it is called a coming to Christ, *Joh. 6. 35. submission and closing*: in such mixt providences as these (where God checkers his dispensations working checker-work) there will be much use of a submitting frame of heart, to submit our selves, children, and all, to the Will of the Father of our spirits, *Heb. 12. 9.* and we should improve this Providence (in raising up this Childe) by faith, for the raising up of the Church from under all her Convulsions, and prevailing Diseases; many other waies wee should improve such Works of God, but I have already exceeded the bounds of an *Epistle*. I

Dedication.

I shall onely urge you and my self to suck
that sweet breast of the promise, *Psal. 50. 10.* as
you have prayed, God hath delivered, and
now he expects to be glorified, and he promi-
ses, you shall glorifie me: Can then our unbeli-
ef, our dead, sluggish, fickle, unconstant, and
forgetful heart hinder it? if God say, thou
shalt, who hath resisted his will? O then lye at
the Pool of this promise, until your unbeliev-
ing, unthankful hearts bee healed. Lye at this
beautiful gate, until you receive an alms, and
a word come, that shall raise up your Spirit,
that you may walk and leap and praise the
Lord. Let mee entreat you to review this
Childs speeches, but especially to eye God in
all his providential actings towards her, until
your hearts bee raised to exalt the Glorious
Lord in all those Attributes, which shine
forth in this Scene of his Actings; Eye them
for the strengthening of your faith, to trust
God in all your straits, to submit to God
when hee is pleased to press you down with
the left hand of afflictions, whilst hee writes
a fairer Copy of his law in your hearts, with
the right hand of his Ho'y Spirits powerful
Visitations; eye them that you may learn to
love JESUS CHRIST with more sin- *Psa. 75. 1.*
cerity, and to use the World more cautious-
ly, least it use (nay ride) you (as others) with *1 Cor. 7.*
great Cruelty: eye them, that so you may *31.*
learn

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Ezek. 29.

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Isa. 32. 4.

Isa. 35. 3.

learn to sing praise to God in your hearts, who hath
diseases and cures at his command; who gives
the opening of the mouth, and causes the
tongue of the dumb to sing, and the tongue of
the stammerers to speak plainly, and confirms
the feeble knees. (all which and more he hath
done for this Childe:) eye them also, that
your hearts may bee brought in love with, and
confirmed in your love to the precious (and
yet O sad, despised) Ordinances and Instituti-
ons of Jesus Christ, the King of his Church,
(which God hath opened a Childes mouth to
plead for,) And if you may gather such sweet
fruits as these from off the Branches of these
providential actings of our wise God, I shall sit
under the tree rejoycing, that God hath made
me instrumentall to call you forth to so good
an employment, and subjoyn my self,

Pours,

Sheffield, (Through Grace)
January 20. 1652.

James Fisher,

To



To the Godly Conscientious Reader.

IT is thy privilege for soul-advantage that thou livest
in amongst Sermons; and it is a choice mercy in the
Saints' *Communion-Book* that now when so many bid preaching
depart, and Ordinances depart, and Duties depart, yet
still the Lord is not wanting to appear (in some kinde
or other) owning his appointments. Yea, thou mayest
observe Jesus Christ to bee so desirous of thy Company,
that he leaves no means unattempted to win thy soul to
God; for the dear love of Jesus Christ seems to *flow and*
break over the banks of ordinary means, that so it may
encompass thy heart; and fetch thee wholly in to the Fa-
ther. Now surely, Christian, thou wilt confess, that it's
a barren soul indeed, whom the *overflowings of Christ's*
Love will not make fruitful. Believe it, Gods unwonted
layings out of love, are not answered with stined and
wonted layings out of obedience. Great cost and little in-
comes is unprofitable trading. When the Lord helps us to
receive, we had need beg hard that hee would help us
with returns; for questionless, God expects those should
be *commemoration-dates*, whereon his Saints have their
exceedings of Love: 'tis certain, Christians, when Jesus
Christ steps out of his *high-road*, he has some special bu-
siness with *Sinners*. Now, thou to whom this Book shall
come, the Lord (thou seest) hath stepped aside to speak
with thee, take heed how thou refusest to hear the voice
that speaks from Heaven. Christ sees that *word-preach-*
ing will not serve, and therefore he sends thee both *word*
and *work-preaching*, and all that he may make thee *Eter-*
nally blessed. Oh do thou not still go about to frustrate
Christ's endeavours, in his work of winning thy poor soul;
it may be thou hast long stopped thine *Ears* to his *Words*,
but

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but what wilt thou stop thine Eyes to his Works too? O look to this young *Divine*, to this *Child-Preacher*, or rather to the Lord in this *Child-Preacher*; and thou canst not spell *Christ's* meaning by his Words, yet put together Words and Works, and thou shalt soon see what they make; if thou canst not know Christ by his ordinary appearing, yet, O learn to know him by his Extraordinary; for truly it is a *brutish* thing to bury Christ in his own Works.

Look, Christian! Here thou mayest see a Bush burning, and yet not consumed; yea, a Bush burning, and yet blossoming. Natural life preserved, when natural means of preservation were denied; but indeed a few loaves will feed five thousand, when Christ hath the cooking of them. God can make a little of the creature go far: when he makes it up with a great deal of Christ; for wee see, though her commons were shorter than Daniels, yet we finde her very well-liking; think therefore at what Ordinary, or rather Extraordinary hath she dieted; surely she had food, wee knew not of. Well might shee live who fed so plentifully on life it self; and certainly that life of hers was a happy life, which dwelt so near the life of happiness. We did not know why the life of Nature should be continued, except it were that the life of grace might be prolonged; but this we found, that the continuance of her life was a continued Sermon, and did preach forth the wonderful power and love of *Jesus Christ*; as if shee had learnt a new and holy art of living poor souls to God; or as if Faith were to come by seeing. Gracious *Childe*! who for her age might be a learner, and yet is made so learned a Teacher; who so sweetly takes Christ for her text, Truth for her Doctrine, and Holiness for her use. Surely it was he who at twelve years old was found in the Temple, sitting amongst the Doctors, hearing of them, and asking of them Questions, it was hee (I say) who hath ranked this twelve years old *Childe* amongst the Doctors of our Israel. 'Twas hee that made her Sermons, shee onely did but preach them, for her speech bewrayed

wrayed: shee had been with Jesus. Oh what gracious words shee uttered: nothing but honey drop from her mouth; and that such honey as tasted much of the spiritual *Canaan*. And indeed, Christian; none can speak so heavenly; none so healingly, none so sweetly, none so feelingly, as those that have much of God speaking in them; the Sentences shee uttered are in this Book recorded; and now canst thou read, and not wonder; wonder, and not desire to read; And yet the manner of her speaking added *Emphasis* to the things she spake. Her eyes were fixed as if she saw Christ; her countenance chearful, as if shee embraced Christ; her lips smiling, as if she kissed Christ; yea, her arms sometime sweetly clasping, as if with *Simone*, she had gotten an arm-full of Christ.

What think you meant her soul, whilst her body used such an action? Oh what happiness for a poor soul to lose it self in the All-fulness of Christ! truly, these things made us all cry out, *What manner of Child shall this be?* But O! see the wonderful workings of our God. He has let her come down into this lower room again. God seemed to take her out of the crowd into his Chambers up above, where he sweetly whispered his mind unto her; and now he hath sent her back again, that she may live over her own Sermons. And yet so was God taken with her company, that he would not let her come down again, till his Children had petitioned again and again for her. And then the more to endear his mercy to us, he sends her down in the Arms of Prayer. So that now we finde this truth in our own experiences: *That a Christian reacheth highest when he is on his knees*. I might speak more of her, but I had rather commend Grace, than gracious spirits. Oh let this (I beseech thee) with the other soul-helps Christ affordeth thee, prevail with thee to bee good in good earnest: it's not leaves nor bloomes that Christ looks for now, but fruit. I confesse indeed, the *winter* of Religion seems to bee past, wherein both bloomes and fruit, *Profession* and *Practice* was nipped and suppressed: and
now

now is the Spring wherein most men are fair in bloom
which gives me hopes that the Lord is bringing about
time, when holy lips, and holy lives, heavenly Commu-
nication, and heavenly Conversation shall meet together
so that flourishing Professors will prove fruitful Practi-
cers. Oh! bee not thou one, who shall keep off such
hoped-for times as these: think how thou wilt answer all
Gods costs about thee. And if thou bee hee that must be
called in to give an account for every word thou speak-
est; Oh then! what account wilt thou give for a
very word that God speaks to thee? Thou that hast
some heavenly Doctrine, O take heed of earthly use-
less heart-warming exhortations and heart-cooling conver-
sations are fearful and incongruous sights. I confess, if I
did not in some measure know the unteachableness of a
corrupt heart, I should conclude, that Non-profitting
such wanderers, as these, is the greatest wonder of all. Well
Christian! thou hast a providence here thrown into thy
lap, O improve it, and be not befooled with fleshly wil-
dome; but O uninde thy work, drive on thy Souls Trade;
and if thou hast an interest in God, know thus much, that
this Childe hath an interest in thee; when therefore thou
goest to improve thy interest at the Throne, forget not
her, nor him, who is

Finningley, Jan.

25. 1652.

Joyful in this, and all other
thy Soul-helps,

John Firth

To

To the Reader,

Grace here, and Glory hereafter.

THe wisest of providence (Christian friend,
for such I suppose thee, and unprejudiced
I wish thee) is never to be neglected, &
specially when it is understood according to the ^{Scripture}
Analogy of Faith. Indeed, providential admin-
istrations are not to be forced. As it seems to ^{us & plu-}
mee over-bold, if not an impious act, to judge ^{bee}
always according to the outward face of dispen-
sations, to make providences point out what wee ^{adificatio-}
affect (as ^{is regula} bee judged of the Scriptures) &
ven to speak our prejudiced and partial thoughts: ^{Examen}
so it is ever-Atheist-like to let the righteous God ^{Decret. 1.}
bee every day in the City, ^{Concil.} and yet none to read ^{Trident.}
anything. ^{Seff. 4.} The works of the Lord are great, ^{Zep. 3. 5.}
saughe out of all them that have pleasure therein. ^{Ps 111. 2.}
Who so is wise will observe these things, and ^{Pla. 107.}
bee shall understand the loving kindness of the ^{43.}
Lord.

There are a sort of men in these last and worst
of daies, that will helieve nothing but what them-
selves beheld, and feight all (Thomas-like) that
them-
Joh. 20.
25.

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Life of
the hand.
Iſa. 57. 10.

Jerusalem have not a ſinner in. To get theſe
ſome liſe of ſence in me in my capacity, though
it may be in my ſtate. I do acknowledge my ob-
ſcure testimony far below ſuch achievements. The
Sword of the Lord and Gideon undertake them.
Yet, why may not a broken Pitcher give ſome
light, and that ſuddain light diſperſe the Amale-
kites? though I can finde nothing in my ſelf (my
witneſs is in Heaven) why I ſhould be in publick;
for bene vixit, qui bene latuit; yet dare not
reſiſt that voice that calls mee to bear witneſs to
Gods workings: who hath ſo ſignally owned his own
deſpiſed Miniſtery, and ſleighted Ordinance,
ſpeaking withall peace to a toſſed and afflicted
Family; that never miſled ſpirit (that ſhall per-
uſe the enſuing Wonders) may any more deſpiſe;
or drooping poor Soul (that ſhall hear how God
remembred ſuch an one in her low eſtate, and
heard the Prayers of ſuch nothing-creatures) may
any more deſpair.

Pla. 136.
23.

The ſubject of this enſuing Wonder, is Miſtriſs
Martha Hatfield, a Branch of a Family of good
Note in the Weſt of York-ſhire, as to externals,
having wherein they might glory. But (which is
their glory) their great Prerogative is not here,
nor in this World: that they are bene nati, is but
an empty bubble, in reſpect of being bene renati;
this is their exultation their priviledge, that they
are Sons and Daughters of God. This Family as
God ſeeth to deal with them he loveth) the wiſe
God

Joh. 1. 12
ΕΙΣ ΤΟΝ ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΟΝ
ΕΞΕΣΤΟΙΜΕΝ
ΤΟΙΣ ΠΙ-
ΣΤΕΥΟΥΣΙ.
Heb. 12. 6

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God was pleased to keep in a low and dark condition; without were fightings, within were fears; but God, who comforteth such as are cast down, ² 2 Cor. 7. comforted them in this Infant-preacher, much of ⁵¹⁶. whose discourse was an earnest pressing unto faith. When her sorrowing Parents, and astonished friends were (as it were) at their wits end, in relation to her sad condition; even then she wished them frequently to roll upon God, who would bring them to their desired¹ haven, to their expected end. Oh ¹ Psal. 107. let us labour for faith (said she) ^m for He that is faithful unto death, shall receive a Crown of Life. And in relation to their affliction (she said) ³⁰. ^m In exa-
^a Satan is alwaies malicing and perplexing the Children of God, to make their journey uncomfortable, thinking that if he get not victory then, he shall never get victory; but my Christ hath vanquished Satan. This hand-maid of the Lord (Reader) to give thee a taste of her, was piously principled from her Cradle. the Spirit blossoming in her in the very spring of her age. Even while shee spelled words and syllables, shee spelled out Christ; for if she met with a free promise, or some good sentence, holding out Gods love to man, she would say, Mother, this is a sweet place, and usually read it over again. Yet, though shee thus grew in the inward, & her outward man was weak- ³¹ Col. 4. ned and decayed, till the twelfth year of her age, ¹⁹. the year of these wonderful transactions betwixt God & her spirit, as if that year Christ would gain

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^h Luke 2.
42, 46.

honour now in this member of his (to confute such as would be thought some-body in these daies) as once in his own person hee silenced those Doctors of the Jewish Synagogue^h. In the eleventh year, viz. April, 1652, her bodily Disease increased; so did her love to heavenly things also; for even those toys which that age delightsin, she desired not so much as to hear named by her Sisters; setting her thought upon, and inuring her tongue to speak of those things above, where shortly she expected to arrive. At last, the Disease over-mastered her strength, seized upon the Organs of her senses, so that shee could neither speak, see, nor hear (to the apprehension of any about her) shee could not move but as she was born by others; and much of this time her teath were so closed that she was not capable of receiving food; only some liquid matter they dropped in at a broken tooth, and this very little, she putting it out as fast as it was given her; thus lay she divers months, even until December, an Object of sorrow to her Parents, and of astonishment to all others, capable only of their pitty, not of their help; but a mirrour of the mighty power of God, proving by this Argument, that

ⁱ Man liveth not by bread alone; it is not the arms of flesh that is to be confided in; ^k but he that knoweth our infirmities, is only able both to help and heal them. During this continued Paroxysm, she had very frequently (sometimes every day) certain grand extasies whereby (after that her body had

ⁱ Luk. 4. 4.
^j Jer. 17. 5^h

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had been racked upon the Wheel of Convulsion,) it became as stiff and expanse as that body which is seized on by death and coldness. In which extasies God did to astonishment appear. For now flowed those streams of living waters, those precious divine sentences contained in the ensuing pages: which thou tasting, with the Organs of the same Spirit they were delivered, thou canst but admire.

Look on the person, a Child going on twelve years, and canst but confess, that out of the mouth of a Babe and Suckling, God hath perfected praise¹. Look at the condition wherein she uttered these, in a deep trance; and doest not see it fulfilled, that the tongue of the dumb shall sing? ¹ Psal. 81.1. ² Jer. 35. Look at the things she spake; are they not deep things of God³? is there Heresie or Error intermingled? Couldst thou discern the manner of her expressions, the vivacity of spirit, how the words drop'd from a touched, experienced, self-concerned heart; thou wouldst say as the Queen of Sheba said of Salomon, The half was not told thee. ⁴ 1 Kings 10.7.

Look at the suitableness of the things spoken, and thou'lt confess they came not by the will of man, but this holy one of God, spake as she was moved (born, supported, and carried out) by the Holy Spirit. Concerning this last circumstance, when some rashly affirmed, that she was acted by Satan, they judging according to carnal reason; at the next extasie (which was the only time of her speaking) she uttered thus, I am not in the hands of Sa-

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ran, but in the hands of my God: *when some
pretenders to Revelations in these times are full*

² Pet. 1. ult. *(such) visited her, at that very time, she was carried*

^c Job 4. 8. *ed out so say,* ^e Take heed you sow not tares, for

if you sow tares, you shall reap tares: *and*

afterwards fully witnessed against them thus; Take

heed you despise not Gods Ordinances, nor his

Instruments that hee hath sent to preach his

Word; God will let you go on with your de-

lusions for a time, but there will come a day of

Judgement to try whether you bee right or

^f In exta- *false; And^f again, Lord restrain those that go*

^{fic, Octo. 9} *about to interrupt those Instruments which*

thou hast sent to preach out thy holy Word in

the Congregations; it is requisite that offences

should come: but wo unto them by whom they

^g In exta- *come. Novem. 9. & being purposed for a day of*

^{fic, Nov. 1.} *seeking God by Fasting and Prayer, the night be-*

^{Luk. 17. 1.} *fore shee encouraged them that were about her*

^h In exta- *with that of the Psalmist, Call upon me in the*

^{fic, Nov. 8.} *day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and*

^{Psa. 50. 15} *thou shalt glorifie me. And the night after the*

^a In exta- *work was done, she admonishd them^a thus: O let*

^{fic, Nov 9.} *us call to minde what the Lord hath done for*

us, ^b and not bee like the natural man that

^b Jam. 1. 24 *looketh his face in a Glasse, and presently*

forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Thus God by this his hand-maid opposed

profane scoffers, cautioned mis-lead creatures,

and bare witnesse to the excellency and neces-

sity

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My of the now sleighted Ordinances & Ministry.

Reader, here thou mayest a while behold (as it were) a conflict in her godly parents betwixt joy and grief; their tears issued not all from the same fountain; the one was swoln with drops of gladness, the other of sorrow: while they beheld the deep trials of God upon them, their lips quivered,^c rottenness entered into their bones,^c Hab. 3. they trembled in themselves: but when again^{16.} they beheld how^d God laid their tossed and afflicted, with fair colours checkered his work, paved^{11.} his steps with black and white marble; then again they are comforted. ^c As that Popish Bishop,^c Petrus when not able to determine, whether Salomon Tenorius were a childe of wrath or love, caused his Effigies Archbishop of Toledo, to be drawn, half in heaven, half in hell: so they judge their affairs to resemble that cloud, which ushered the Israelites to the Land of Promise; it had a dark side as well as a bright, ^f Thus God^f Exod. 14. holds them till the time came that he would command deliverances for them; ^g then he put them^g Pl. 44. 4. on a way to attend this end, not by might, nor by power; ^h not wisdom of men, nor outward means^h Zac. 4. 6. of Physick, but that Grace might be advanced; so send for the Elders of the Church, and let them pray over the afflicted, which was doneⁱ in the spirit of grace and supplication:ⁱ Zach. 12. and after twice wrestling with God in Fasting^{10.} and Prayer, he was pleased to be intreated. And as gloriously admirable was God's hand in raising

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sing her up, as in casting her down; for in the close
 of the second daies work, that God might mani-
 f^{est} Pl^{ea}. 65. 7 fast himself to bee a God hearing Prayer; and
 that creatures in their lowest condition might ne-
 ver dispond; he shewed some glimmerings of his
 gracious favour, and within a few daies gave her
 her, understanding, senses, speech, the use of her
 legs, and since a daily income of health and
 strength, and which is better than life, suffer-
 ed not these high workings of his Spirit, to be an oc-
 casion of puffing her up, but kept her in a gracious
 humble, depending frame of Spirit; for being in-
 form'd what she had said, she replied thus in her
 childish speech, I have I? mee cannot tell, I
 can do nothing of my self, it was not me, it was
 not mee, it was the Spirit of God in me; I am
 nothing but a poor earth-worm; and me have
 nothing but what my God giveth me; for me
 is nothing but dust and ashes. Again, some two
 or three daies before God gave her the use of her
 legs, her Father desiring to neglect no lawfull mean,
 wished one to signifie his pleasure to her, that he had
 thoughts of procuring a Physicians advice con-
 cerning her; whereunto she sweetly answered, she
 would be disposed by her Parents will, but her de-
 sire was to wait Gods end, she could wish no Physi-
 cian might partake of any glory with God; for
 he alone had done the cure, he alone deserved the
 praise. Thus (Reader) hast thou a true Narra-
 tive of that which seems marvellous in our eyes

1 Decem.

8. the first
time shee
spake out
of an ex-
traic.

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the Lord remove from thy heart all self and prejudice, make thee willing to give God the glory of his own workings; slubber not over this passage of divine Providence, with careless or profane thoughts; eye God, learn to live by faith, and despise not Ordinances, which God hath from heaven in this occasion born witness to. I have purposely avoided all frothy flourishes of the tongue, lest the truth should bee suspected; for I would win thy heart, not thy senses; not words, but things take wise men; of whose number, if thou wouldst be thought one, judge soberly, and the end is obtained

Church-Sandal,
Jan. 28. 1652.

By the unworthiest, yet
a faithful well-wish-
er to thy preci-
ous Soul.

W^a. Barnard.



The Narrative, wherein

is related how this Childe was visited,
*and the manner of her Disease, when
shee uttered these Heaven-born
truths herewith published.*



His Childe who hath been the
subject of such Wonders of
Providence, is the Daughter of
Master *Anthony* and Mistresse
Faith Hatfield of *Leighston*, in
the West-Riding of *York-shire*;
her name is *Martha Hatfield*, shee was com-
pleat twelve years old the 27 day of *Septemb.*
in the year of our Lord 1652. Shee hath been
from her birthe a Childe of Wonders, being so
little when she was brought out of her Mo-
thers Wombe, that it was thought shee would
speedily have returned to the common wombe,
where all living must ere long be laid up. But
God who quickeneth the dead, who is the
preserver of man, continued her life, and shee
grew up very hopefully, as a Plant of Gods
own planting; yet some years before this vi-
sitation, shee was observed to bee of a sad spi-
rit, oft retiring into corners, and weeping for a
long time, and could not then render any
reason

reason thereof; but it evidently appeared afterwards, that she was much afflicted with the Spleen-wind, which increased (notwithstanding the use of means) to greater extremity.

But before I proceed, I must desire the Reader not to expect an exact Relation of her Disease in Physical terms of Art, because it pleased the all-wise Disposer of all occurrences, so to order the spirit of the childe, and his own dealings towards her (as you may see anon) that no means could be used towards her Recovery, and so no Physician did stay with her to observe the symptoms of her Disease; so that it's but conjectural what it was; it's thought the rigid convulsions, or rather that it was a complicated disease of many of those distempers which afflict the brain; but I shall give it you in our Country-Dialect, as those that were usually with her did apprehend it. I shall observe this Method.

Σπασμὸς
κινητός.

- 1 I shall speak of her Disease.
- 2 Relate her Speeches.
- 3 The manner of her Recovery.

1 Her Disease.

The Spleen-wind (after some time) did grow to that extremity, that shee could not digest her meat, but vomited up all that shee took, which yet was but a small quantity for a long time; after which she was taken all of one side, beginning at her neck, which caused her

to hold her head awry; and from thence it went into her arm, and took away the use of it for many daies, and when her arm was better, it fell into her leg on the same side, and continued there untill shee fell quire down, which was after this manner. Shee had extraordinary fits of violent vomiting, and after that Convulsions, which occasioned extream torments, especially in the night, and so shee continued (sometimes better, sometimes worse) for many daies, sorely troubled with a sore stopping in her throat, which caused her to gasp, and her eyes were set in her head, so that they feared a suffocation, and then fell a vomiting, and then into Convulsions, with extream workings in her head, and all over, which they thought for the present made her insensible; and when she came out of those fits, her eyes were fixed seriously, hearkening and listning, and would say, what sweet Musick is this that I hear? do you not hear it? O heark, heark, do you not hear? shee was answered, No, What Musick is it like? O the sweetest Musick that ever I heard, I never heard such before; I do not know, nor can I express what it is like, unless it bee like Angels singing in Heaven; thus she did drivers times betwixt the Convulsion fits; in which time she had the use of her understanding, and could speak, and with many sweet words was able to exhort her

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her Parents to trust in God, saying, If we had but faith, it would carry us through all the troubles of this World.

*April 6.
1652.*

Then about *April* the sixth, 1652, we perceived such a change in her, that we thought she would die presently, and she fell into a fit of extream pain in her side, which took away her breath, and her senses for sixteen hours; and she was stricken all over stiff, in which time she laid (as if dead) hopeless of life, in the judgements of those who beheld her. Yet about the third hour shee was enabled with great alacrity to express the joyes of Heaven, and sweetly prayed for her self, and all her relations, as shee conceived their necessities required,

*Her pray-
er.*

First, for her Father, thy Servant, the head of this Family, Lord give him faith in Jesus Christ, to lay hold upon thee, and give him patience to bee content with thy Will; and for our Mother who hath been so long weak, Lord, restore her, and make her a Comfort to us all, and teach her to submit to thy will; and for my Grand-mother that old stock, that old stock, that thou hast made such a Comfort to us, good Lord, we thank thee for her, and if I live, I desire to bee thankful for her. And for our Brother who is to be disposed of, good Lord, direct the heart of thy Servant our Father, to dispose of him as may be most for thy glory, and for the good of his soul and body.
Good

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3

Good Lord, bless our Sister who hath taken so great pains with my Mother and me; and our other little Brother, Lord, make him thine, and guide him in all his wayes in his young years, that his soul may bee precious in thy sight; and my other Sister, the Lord give her grace. And that other little Sister, good Lord, take away that infirmity from her eye, if it be thy will; and for that Sister whom thou hast disposed of in marriage, the Lord bless that Family, and give them more and more of thy Spirit to guide them in thy wayes; and Lord, give him a Spirit of prayer; but let us not make haste, for thy time is the best. And for that little branch, Lord, as it grows in dayes and years, grant that it may grow in grace, and walk in thy way. And for that godly sweet Servant of thine * (that prayed so heartily for me the last night) the Lord bless him, and Lord, bless thy Servant who is gone to use means for her health, and bless the means; for without thy blessing nothing can profit; and Lord, if it be for thy glory, bring them together, and if not, make them contented to yield to thy will. Good Lord, bless all our Family, and make them thine, and teach all our Friends to walk in thy wayes.

* Her
Uncle
Captain
Hafield.

When shee began this Prayer, all about her were so amazed with the suddenness of it, that they could not (for the joy and astonishment where-
Not

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wherewith their spirits were filled) observe each passage so exactly as is desired they had done, so that many of her expressions are lost; but these things set down, are (as near as they that were present could recal to their thoughts) related and written down in her own very words.

After this Prayer, her head fell; and she was as in a Trance, and as she past into it, she said, The Lord bee with you all, I am now going to Heaven, where I hope one day you will come to me. And when she was come forth of that Trance, in which they thought she would have died, she was exceedingly wrapt up with joy (which perhaps was the Heaven she spake of, that shee was going to) laughing, and spreading her arms, and clasping them close to her, that they could not be opened; but presently she opened them, and exprest her self in these words.

I have found my Christ, Oh I have found my Christ, how sweet is he to me!

Conflict.

After this fit of joy, she fell into a sore conflict with Satan, and opening her arms which were clasped with hugging her sweet Christ unto her, she struck so vehemently, as if she had more than ordinary strength, and exprest her self in these words,

Away, away, away Satan, with a stern countenance (which was a great change in her face, which

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which was so amiable before in her rejoicing
fit) and so she continued for some time, and
then the Lord was pleased to give her comfort
again.

And then she laughed, and rejoiced much *Comfort.*
more than before, and spread her arms, and
clasped them close again, and said, *O my Christ*
is come again, my Christ is come again, he shall
vanquish Satan and cast him behinde me.

Then she fell again into another Conflict, *Conflict.*
with striking as before, but never spake in a
Conflict; but the conflict being over, she spake,
and laught, and behaved her self in the like
manner as before.

Onow my sweet Christ is come again, he is come *Comfort.*
again, and hath destroyed my spiritual enemy,
who would have destroyed my soul. O labour for
Christ, and that the Name of Christ may be writ-
ten upon all your hearts with letters of gold.

Thus one time with comforts, and at other
times with conflicts, she continued the great-
est part of one night, which they that were
present, thought, was about seven times that
night, but they were all so astonished both
with the matter and manner, that they could
not certainly relate how many of those con-
flicts, and comfortable fits she had; neither
indeed (as they acknowledged) are they able
to relate the manner thereof, as it was made
known unto them.

After

until A-
pril. 23.

After this, about seventeen daies, she lay stiff and never spake all that time, neither was she ever seen to shut her eyes night or day, but stood fixed broad open, and many who came to see her, would say, that her eyes were fixed where her heart was. At that time she did vehemently gnash her teeth, so that two or three of her teeth were broken out. When she was in her stiff fits, she lay like a dead corps; and it pleased the Lord so to order her Disease, that she came to her self twice a day, viz. at twelve a clock at noon-day, and six at night, and then she did understand her self, but could not speak, and to these times she kept constantly for about seventeen daies, and then she would make signs to wash her mouth with small Beer or water, they not knowing what shee would have, but shee could manifest dislike of what was offered, if it was not that which she desired; she took no food all this time, but only washed her mouth (as was said) twice a day.

April 23.

About this time coming to her self, she fell into great extremity of vomiting for 2 daies, and that which shee vomited was like gall or foot, and blood, and by times continued in that extremity for seven or eight daies, and was carried about in the arms of one or other, or sat on their knees, having little rest, save some short dorns. She from the 23 of April, never came in bed till it pleased God to recover her, indeed

indeed they made tryal sometimes, hoping the warm bed would have nourished and refreshed her wearied, wracked, and tortured body; but she as one altogether insensible of the coldness of the weather, or of her own need of such succours, yet could not lie down by reason of that rising in her throat; in this time she spake much, and uttered many sweet expressions.

Many times being desired to take some food, shee answered, I would take food, if God would give me leave, but I cannot, I cannot; and when they would do any thing about her (if it might be) to give her some ease, shee would say, Alas, here's no ease here, O that you will not suffer a poor creature to have some ease! there's no comfort to be had here, but there's ease in Heaven.

At another time, she said, O Lord, some ease for a poor distressed creature, Lord, for thy Son Christ his sake.

Again, where's my Father and my Mother, that they may pray for me? I had a Father and a Mother, and Brethren, and Sisters.

Again, she was much troubled, and said, What a naughty, naughty Lasse was I, to be so impatient? but now I have more pain, and the Lord hath given me more patience; now I can say with David, *It is good for me that I have been afflicted. Good?* It is good: indeed, for my Father hath got good, and my Mother hath

hath got good, and I have got good, and God hath got glory. I would not have been without this affliction for any thing; this is a good affliction indeed.

Her Sister *Hannah* speaking to her, Must these little pretty hands go into the grave, and rot in the dust? I (said she) what should they do else? poor sinful corrupt flesh.

Her Father asking her, Childe, art not hungry, thou hast eaten nothing of a long time? Shee said, I hunger for nothing but Christ, I am very hungry after him, I would very fain have him.

Then he asked her, if she would drink? shee said, I am very thirsty for Christ.

They were speaking to her of a Physician, but shee said, *My comfort is in Christ*, I pray you trouble mee not with the Physician. But speaking to her Father, she said, Will you not I beg of you that I may have no other Physician; Jesus Christ will bee my Physician, for my Grave is better for me than to be here.

Again, Lord, reveal unto me what is the cause of this affliction, what sin it is that lies unrepented of; sins of omission, or commission, or what sins soever they are, Lord, reveal them to mee, and pardon them all, and give me repentance for them; with many such words which are not remembered.

Again, O Lord, I beseech thee, look upon mee with

God with pity and compassion; Lord, do not forget me, but think upon me.

Again, O my sin is the cause of it; O teach me to say as David, *It is good for me that I have been afflicted.*

Again, Good Lord, look upon me with pity and compassion, and enable mee to bear thy hand; Lord, mitigate these pains which are upon me; Lord, pardon all my sins, and remove all these afflictions, which are upon my body, if it seem good in thine eyes.

Again, the Lord hath in mercy looked on mee in his pity and compassion; I hope, I shall not be from my Christ long: *Come, Lord Jesus, O come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.*

Then shee comforted her self with Job's case, that though he sat on the dung-hill scraping his sores with a Pot-sheer, and though God gave Satan power over his body, yet not over his soul; and though his Wife tempted him to curse God, (what a wicked woman was that? what a wicked woman was that? said she) yet his soul was precious in Gods sight.

Then musing with her self, shee uttered her self thus, by way of question; *Why did God create man? For his glory.*

Quest. Why doth he afflict his Children? For their good.

Quest. Why should wee desire to dye when we are in afflictions? seeing the grave praiseth him

him not, and feeling it is for Gods glory to live
Again, she said, *Come to me, all ye children; and
I will gather you as a hen gathereth her chickens;*
and you shall sing *Hallelujahs* in Heaven with
Christ, and all his holy Angels.

Again, happy are they who appear for Christ,
for they shall appear with him in glory.

Again, at another time she said, that no body
knew what troubles she had gone thorough (in
reading the Word and Prayer) by reason of
evil and wicked thoughts, and that she was glad
sometimes to leave off reading, and to go to
Prayer, and said, I have sought to God many
times with tears (which no body knew of) to
help mee against unprofitable thoughts, but
now she had got the victory through Christ;
and then she laught.

Note.

Before the nineteenth of *May* immediately
after the performance of Family-duties (her
Disease having wrought much in her mouth
and eyes, during the time of the Duty) she seem-
ed to them to be dead, her chaps falln, her
eyes set, and the Neighbors were called in, her
Parents had taken their leave of her, hoping
the life of nature was exchanged for a life of
glory; and then a Cloth was spread over her
face; but about half an hour after it pleased
the Lord to discover a symptome of life, as
they perceived the Cloth to stir, and with
much perswasion, they entreated her dear Mo-

ther

ther again to look upon her, who coming to her, then found her eyes broad open, and said, Ah Childe! Where hast thou been? then lifting up her eyes towards Heaven, sweetly smiling.

This (I conceive) was the cause of those sad fits of weeping (whereof I made mention before) of which she could not, or at least Satan would not suffer her to give any account.

These and many other sweet expressions fell from her in those seven or eight dayes, which yet are forgotten; none thinking then to have presented this story to publick view; and whether these things be related in the order they were uttered, Ile not affirm, but this I may say, they are set down as near as could be in her own words, without any additions, and this many credible Witnesses will testifie.

And that you may be induced the rather to credit this, be pleased to take this character of this Childe: that before this extream weakness fell upon her, she was observed to be very frequent in private Prayer, and her Mother being exercised with long weakness, she would read by her out of such good Books as there were in the house; and her Mother observed that shee would read with much affection, so that her Mother thought, and said, she hoped that her heart was taken with the things which she did read; the Childe would say (Mother forsooth) is not this a good sentence? (if you

Note.

Ball of a Faith. Burroughs Treatises, &c.

please) I will read it over again: she was noted to be a very loving, tender-hearted, and affectionate Child to all; and especially she manifested it in many pregnant expressions to her Mother in her sickness.

May 1.

After this, *May* the first or second, shee was freed from that extremity of pain, her Disease much varying, and shee was stricken all over stiff, all her parts being extended, as if stretched forth; and if any one lifted up her arm higher or lower, there it would fix where they set it; and so buckle any joynt of her hand, and it would stand as it was set, and thus she continued for seventeen dayes, and never spake word, neither did shee take any thing, but they washed her mouth with beer or water several times in a day.

until

May 19.

It was noted, that when any did speak to her concerning any thing of the world, or of any particulars (which as a Child) she had delighted in, she would then shew discontent; but if they discoursed of Heavenly matters, then she shewed no signs of discontent, but seemed to give attention.

May 19.

1652.

Then her Convulsion fits were grown to greater extremity, the Disease working with strange varieties, causing several motions and postures, and then at sometimes she had those stiff fits of congelations, and then she did utter those sweet sayings, afterwards set down

and

and when she grew limber, shee gave over speaking.

Here I have briefly noted some things, and then set down her speeches.

1. Shee spake not but in a stiff fit (or very rarely, and then but a word or two) and shee continued speaking from *May* the 19th, until *June* the 21. 1652. beginning usually about eight of the clock at night, and so continued with some little intermission between every sentence, to speak for two hours or more, and then ceased until the next night about the same time: Shee did speak some things in the morning, or some things in the afternoon, but so very seldome, and then she was limber all over, but then there were strange workings of the Convulsions, twisting her fingers, writhing her neck, drawing her mouth to her ear.

2. It was observed, that sometimes in those stiff fits wherein shee spake, shee would change her Countenance; and look very sadly and frowningly; and it was conceived by those who beheld her, that then shee was under some temptation, because the next thing shee spake (after such frowning fits) was alwayes something against Satan, that roaring lurking Lion, and then shee would smile, and look very cheerfully.

3. The manner of her coming into those stiff fits, was with beatings of her hands upon her

her breast, and she had sore Convulsions, and then of a sudden she had all her parts extended, and then she smiled, and then they knew that she would speak presently; she lay upon her back, and had the most sweet, amiable, cheerful countenance that ever I beheld (excepting one or two frowning fits in a night) all the time of her speaking. Some who came to see her, compared her countenance when she came out of her stiff fits, to a cloud overshadowing the Sun-beams, there was such a change in her countenance.

It was further observed, that shee did alwayes sweat when shee did speak.

She had also rejoycing fits, clasping her arms, and laughing sometimes, and sometimes shee spake when the Convulsions drew her mouth awry, and when she spake, sometimes her speech was lower, sometimes more audible; alwayes with that vigour, vivacity, and earnestness of spirit, that it did much affect the hearts of them who heard her; and sometimes she was so weak that her chaps only moved, but no words could be heard; further it was observed, that shee did alwayes speak very good sense, and when shee mistook, shee would go over with the matter again, and make it good sense before shee left off.

4. Observe, that when her times of speaking came, there was one who wrote her words, all help-

helping to remember the very words as shee uttered them; in which labour of love, two of Sir *Edward Rhodes* that (worthy Patriot) his Sons, *viz.* Mr. *Edward* and Mr. *William Rhodes* were very useful, and they took much delight in that work, being indeed Gentlemen of a very sweet temper and disposition, and very hopeful to be blessings to their Family.

There was also a Scholar, by name Master *John Cromwell* (one related to Master *Hartfords* Family) who was very much affected with the sweet appearances of God in that Childe, and did help to take some of her speeches, and was also very helpful to the Ministers, and Christians, in our dayes of seeking God for her; God mightily drawing out his Spirit to wrestle for her enlargement, and there were others who assisted in this work; and after they were written down (in the space between her speakings) they were read over, and every one desired to manifest their assent if they judged the words to be truly related, and there were usually many present, many strangers coming daily to hear her, when her speaking times were known, and I do believe and know, and many will witness, that there was great care taken, that her own words might bee set down.

5. From this time until a little before the Lord was pleased to restore her, it was thought

thought that shee neither did see, or hear, or know any body, and that shee never minded what was said to her, nor answered to any thing that was spoken to her. It was observed, that her strength and activeness was very great during the time of the workings of her Convulsions, so that they think shee had neer an hundred several actions and postures in her right hand in one night; and so it was several times; and when the workings of her Convulsions were in any part of her body, that had more strength; and if all over, then her strength was raised beyond ordinary. Shee had also sore extreame crying fits for two or three, and sometimes four hours together, which did so affect the head and heart of her dear relations, that they were not able to abide in the room. And then after those crying fits, shee did usually vomit blood (these crying fits continued for one quarter of a year) and after she had vomited blood, shee was better, exceding quier, mild-spirited, and they might dispose of her as they pleased. This vomiting must be understood to be before that time that her teeth were shut up.

6. These wonderfull providential allurances some have sinisterously interpreted, surmising, nay, some speaking that shee was bewitched, possessed, &c. and that Satan did speak in her, and that it was not her voice, but a voice

voice in her; to whom God shall give an answer from Heaven in his late dealings and gracious dispensations towards her.

It was the judgement of a very judicious Physician who was sometimes with her, that her Disease was natural, her Speech supernatural.

It's true, we read in the Scriptures of God, that *Satan can transform himself into an Angel of light*, and hath spoken sometimes divine matters, and quoted Scriptures (but corruptly often;) Satan herein (as *Lavater* observes) imitates Gamesters, who suffer young Heirs to win, to make them more eager of the Game, and so engages them till they have won all. *De spectris & temuribus.* Satan will comply with the temper, and dispositions of such as he sees strongly enclined to gracious aſtings, rowing with the tide of their inclinations; but he notes also out of *Ambrose* and *Chrysostome*, that he doth this but to insinuate into them, and to draw them by these artifices, by these delightful baits, to swallow the hook of evil suggestions and temptations; but this Childe never spake of her temptations, or uttered any of Satans language in those her times of speaking, but all her speeches were sweet and gracious, much of Christ, and Faith, and against Satan, and against many Errors of the present times, both in judgement and practice, but nothing that might tend to pro-

promote Satans Kingdome, and I cannot think that Satan would have been a Midwife to help to the birth so many masculine sentences, and high-born truths, as this Childe hath uttered; such divisions would much tend to the destruction of his Kingdome; hee would have mingled some of his dross amongst this pure gold, if he had prevailed so far as to gain any interest in, and power over this Childe.

7. In this long time of her silence, viz. sevenreen dayes, her friends began to bee much perplexed, fearing God had left her, and many Prayers were sent up that he would please to open her mouth again, and upon the nineteenenth of *May*, God having much stirred up her Mothers heart to seek that mercy from him, shee coming into the room where the Childe lay, could scarcely take her seat there, before the Childe began to speak, and the first words which shee uttered, and that with much vivacity of spirit, were these: viz.

I was in darkness, but now I am in light.

Which words her dear Mother (with others) who had mourned under the want of that mercy, did take as a most seasonable answer to their Prayers, and satisfaction to the doubts which pressed their spirits, and they were much revived with the appearances of God in this sweet change in the Childe, who proceeded on to utter those precious sayings, which

which now I shall set down in order as they were spoken, and taken from her mouth.

Here followeth the Childes Speeches.

Which I have set down, and placed over-against them such Scriptures as her words seem to relate to, though I cannot think that she ever had in her thoughts, or ever read many of those Scripture-phrases which she uttered, but God did specially help and guide her in her expressions, to the praise of his glorious grace, in a poor weak unlikely Instrument; which may justifie our practice in publishing these things, we not daring to put such a light under a bushel; and if you consider that these things were spoken by a Childe not yet twelve years of age; and that when she was under such prevailing distempers, which took away her senses, and knowledge of any friend, and her speech at all other times, but whilest she uttered these things, I hope it will render the meanest of her Speeches no contemptible things.

The Childes Speeches.

May the 10th, 1652.

I was in darkness, but now I am in light. La. Ephes. 5. 8.
Labour for Christ, Christ is crept in again,
clasp him in your arms, hold him fast; now
you have obtained Christ, hold him fast.

Away

1 Pet. 5. 8. Away with that *roaring lion*, chain him up,
my God chain him up. Christ is come again;
how sweet my Christ is! how good my God
hath been to me, to give me Jesus Christ! when
you get Jesus Christ, hold him fast; do not
let him go.

My God hath spoken a word of comfort;
Mat. 7. 7. *Seek, and ye shall find: ask, and ye shall have;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you:* he bids
me knock, and he will open.

Cant. 3. 4. How sweet is Jesus Christ! sweeter than gold
and money: if you have him, hold him fast;
now we have him, we will not let him go; how
sweet my God is! O how sweet my God is!

Mathe 20th.

Oh, what a God have wee, that hath given
Jesus Christ to dye for us.

Psal. 63. 8. My God hath cast mee down with his left
hand, hee upholdeth mee with his right hand,
but hee will raise mee up with both.

My Christ is heavier than all this World;
weigh all the World and Christ, and hee will
weigh all down.

O what a glorious God have I, to give mee
his Christ to save my soul; who would but
trust him? O trust in him, when all things in
the World fail, he will not fail, he will stick
fast to you, trust him, O trust in him.

1 Joh. 5.
18. Pluck Satan away, pluck him away, my
God, let him not touch me, let him not enter
into my soul.

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My Christ is come again, Oh, how sweet my Christ is ! Oh how sweet he is ! those that feel the sweetness of Christ, they will trust in him. 2 Pet. 2. 3:4.

Straight is the way to Heaven, but my Christ is gone before me, and hath opened the gates, he hath said up treasures for me in Heaven. Mat. 7. 14.

My Christ will not fly away from those that trust in him. Joh. 6. 37.

All the *World is vanity*, there is nothing to take pleasure in, *but all is vanity and vexation of spirit*, but they that know the pleasure and sweetness of Christ, they will stick close to him ; Oh labour to get him by faith ! Eccl. 1. 12. Psal. 9. 10.

Struggle, O struggle, let him not go, he is an everlasting good to those that depend upon him ; I desire to depend upon him.

Joy is in Heaven without sorrow, and comfort without discomfort, where *Christ will wipe away all tears from the eyes* of those that desire to depend upon him. Rev. 21. 4.

Learn to know the sweetness of Christ ; *for they that love him, he will never forsake them,* and those that *do trust in him, and live to him, he will never forsake them.* 2 Chron. 15. 2. Psal. 124.

Labour for Christ, trust in him, Oh serve him, and get faith in him.

Labour to trust in Christ, and believe in him; those that know the sweetness of Christ, will embrace him, and never let him go ; and he will embrace them, and never let them go.

Labour

Joh. 17. Labour for Christ, that ye may have the
24. joyes of Heaven with my sweet Father, and
his Angels for ever.

Isa. 40. 11. My Christ is come again, taking me up in
his arms to Heaven: Oh, how sweet Christ
is, embracing me in his arms, carrying me in
Noah's ark to Heaven?

Oh, what a sweet Father have I, that doth
all things in wisdom, for the good of my poor
Hob. 13. 5. soul! *My God will stick fast to me, he will never
forsake mee.*

Labour to lay up Christ, embrace him in
your arms, and when you feel sweetness from
Christ, hold him fast. Oh, what a sweet God
have I to rely upon! now that I have obtained
Christ, I will stick close to him.

Act. 11. My God doth all things in wisdom, he
23. knows what is good for mee.

Now my God hath pull'd back Satan that
roaring Lion, and hath cast him behinde mee:
Oh, what a sweet God have I! O how sweet
is my Christ! he hath laid up treasures in
heaven for my soul.

May the 21.

Rev. 3. 19. Whom I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous
therefore and repent.

Why did God create his Children? for his
glory; and why doth God afflict his Children,
for their good.

Mat. 23. Come to me, all my children, and I will gather
37. you

you as a hen gathers her chickens, and you shall sing *Hallelujahs* with the holy Angels for ever.

Why should we desire to dye, when we are in affliction, seeing the Grave praiseth him not?

Happy are they that appear with Jesus Christ here, for they shall appear with him in glory.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest: Oh come to me (saith my God) and drink of my drink, and thou shalt never thirst: O labour for Christ. Mat. 11. 28
John 7. 37

All things I count but dung in comparison of Christ. Phil. 3. 8.

Get faith in Jesus Christ, and that will draw you nigh to God, and not draw you back from him. Eph. 3. 17.

Call upon me in time of trouble, and I will hear you. Psa. 56. 15

What a sweet Father have I to give mee Jesus Christ? who can but be thankful? can I be thankful enough?

Pardon, and forgive me all my sins, Oh let not that roaring-Lion get power over me, pluck him back.

Cleave to Jesus Christ, trust in Jesus Christ, and he will never forsake you? stick fast to Jesus Christ, rely upon him: when all sorts fail in this World, he will never fail; therefore stick close to him. Deu. 10.
16. 4.
Heb. 13. 5.

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Get grounded in Grace, and pray to Jesus Christ, never forsake him, and he will never forsake you.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and if you get him, what is all the whole world? if ye be poor in this World, yee are rich in Jesus Christ.

If we could but get into Heaven, there is comfort without discomfort, joy without sorrow, where God will wipe away all tears. Oh how happy are they that enjoy Christ! to them that enjoy him he will make way for them; therefore labour to get Jesus Christ, and serve him, and he will save you both from the dangers in this world, and in that which is to come.

May the 22.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and to get faith in him, and for the *life of faith in Christ*. Lord, give us the light of Heaven, that we may see Jesus Christ with our spiritual eyes, for we cannot behold him with our mortal eyes.

Gal. 2.10.

Labour for the life of Grace, that we may behold the glorious God of Heaven; when all the light of our mortal eyes is gone, still there is light in Jesus Christ.

Mat. 16.24

Come unto me, poor soul, and follow me, take up thy cross, and I will be thy Saviour.

1 Sam. 2.

30.

Take heed of despising God, for fear that his wrath be poured upon you.

If once we have obtained Christ, there will be no cause of mourning, but of singing and rejoicing

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rejoycing, wee shall then have no cause of mourning.

Come unto me, all ye that are heavy laden, and I will ease you. Oh what a sweet God is this? Mar. 11. 28

O save me and defend me from that roaring lion, that goes about seeking to destroy my soul. 1 Pet. 5. 8.

When Christ, which is our life, shall appear in his glory, then shall wee have light. Col. 3. 4.

Pull back Satan, cast him behinde mee; Oh Lord, thou knowest my whole heart dependeth upon thee.

May the 23.

Labour for Jesus Christ, get faith in Jesus Christ, and he will lock up your souls in his Cabinet, and keep you from that roaring lion which goeth about seeking whom he may devour.

Stick fast to Jesus Christ, and Satan can have no power over you.

Ah that wee should bee led away with Satans temptations unto lies, to follow our corruptions; Satan labours to get a poor soul, and when hee hath got it hee will cast it into hell.

Ah, is it not better to be with my Father in Heaven, where we shall sing *Hallelujah* with holy Angels for ever.

Follow not Satans steps, but follow Jesus Christs steps, and hee will lead you up to Heaven.

Sing praises, sing praises to our God, for all his

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psa. 103. his mercies that he bestoweth upon us, and be not ignorant of them, and forget them not; for if we forget them, he will bee forgetful of us.

Take heed of Saran that roaring lion, take heed that he get not into you; for if he do, he will sink deeper and deeper into you.

Labour for Jesus Christ, for when all the helps in the V World are gone, there is help in Jesus Christ.

Lord, give us repenting hearts, that we may repent truly; and come we to Christ, that we may repent truly, that thy wrath be not poured out upon us.

Seek Christ, look for Christ till you finde him, never give over till you have found him; when you have found him stick close to him, and he will stick close to you.

Get faith in Jesus Christ; believe in him, believe him in his mighty power, believe him in his glory.

Lord, give us the true light of Heaven, for we cannot see with our mortal eyes, but with our spiritual eyes wee shall.

Oh what a good God have we, that never slumbers, nor sleepeth, but watcheth over his poor Servants.

Come, my disciples, take up your cross and follow me, and you shall be saved; I will be your God, and you shall be my people.

Mat. 16.

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Heb. 10.

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Oh Lord, I desire to wait till my Glass be run, for I long to be in Heaven with thy holy Angels rejoycing.

Those that hunger and thirst after Jesus Christ, Joh. 7. 37. let them come and drink of the water of life, and Col. 3. 4. they shall thirst no more; and when Christ their life shall appear, then they shall appear with him also in glory.

Come unto me in time of trouble, and I will save and deliver you.

Come, my people, enter in at the gates of Heaven, and I will guide you in it.

My soul O Lord, watcheth, and watcheth till the glass be run, to be in Heaven rejoycing with the holy Angels for ever.

Labour for Jesus Christ, what are we without Christ? we are but as a lump of clay or lead, full of corruption, and without the Spirit of God.

Oh, Good Lord, work a thorough work in us, that wee may be like the holy Angels in Heaven.

Now my Christ is come again. Oh that I could hold him fast, and not let him slip from me, Oh Lord, give us thankful hearts to thee, who hath given us Jesus Christ thy dear Son to take our sins upon him; all our sufferings are nothing in comparison of Jesus Christs sufferings, hee suffered the Death upon the Cross for us.

Ezek. 36.
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Lord, take away those stony hearts of ours, and give us new hearts, and take away those thorns out of our hearts, and give us thankful hearts: that wee may bee ever thankful unto thee for all thy good gifts, that thou hast bestowed upon us.

May the 14th.

Isa. 53. 6.

Lord, give us Jesus Christ, for without Christ wee are nothing, but like lost sheep, that are gone astray.

Take heed that the temptations of Satan overcome you not, lest he cast you into hell.

Not into our ears, Oh Lord, but come into our hearts, and take away these stony hearts of ours, and give us new hearts.

Jer. 24. 7. How good is thy word, O God! how good is thy word! ground it not in our heads, O Lord, but in our hearts.

Pull back Satan, that roaring lion, which goeth about seeking whom he can devour, and cast him into hell; Oh follow not his wayes nor steps, for in them there is nothing but blasphemy and lying; but follow Christs steps, and there will bee rejoycing for ever.

John 14.
22, 23. &
17. 26.

Before that Christ take you up into heaven, he will give you full assurance of himself, and lock you up in his cabinet, and keep you from that hunting roaring Lion.

1 Joh. 5.
18.

If he conquer mee, he will cast me into hell fire, but my Christ will not suffer him to touch me.

me, my Christ is stronger than he, he will not
let him prevail against mee.

My body is but worms-meat in the Grave,
but what care I for my body, so that my soul ^{Joh. 19:16}
bee in Heaven with my God and his Angels.

Seek for Christ, and you shall finde him; ^{Mat. 7. 7.}
hunt for him, and hee will bee found of you.

*Strait is the gate that leadeth to Heaven, and
few there bee that finde it; but wide is the way ^{Mat. 7.}
that leadeth to destruction, and many there be ^{13, 14.}
which go therein.*

The afflictions of the body are nothing, but
the soul is a rare jewel; when both body ^{Pro. 14:18}
and soul are afflicted, then there is cause of
sorrow; but pray to God that he may support
your souls.

Orake my soul into thy protection, for if
both body and soul should be gone, then all
is gone, but when they are in thy hands, then
they are safe, then there is no cause of sorrow
but of rejoycing and singing *Hallelujah* for ever.

Trust in God, walk in Gods way; the more
you walk in Gods way, the more he will give
you his assurance.

Get into Jesus Christ, for in him there is
joy and comfort, and no cause of discomfort.

If we could but get one touch of the sweet-
ness of Jesus Christ, it would ravish our hearts,
so that we should strive to get nigher and
nigher to him.

Oh, what a good God have wee ! who would not trust in such a God ? let us but eye God, and hee will eye us, and the more wee look unto God, the more will his power bee exalted in us.

VVhat if a man have not only part, but the whole VVorld, yet he can never be satisfied; and a poor soul that onely hath a desire after Christ cannot bee contented ; but when a poor soul hath gained all Christ, then it is satisfied.

A poor soul will bee alwayes hungry, hungry, hungry, and thirsting till hee have gotten all Christ, then hee will bee satisfied, and say he hath enough.

How loving and gracious is our God, that doth all things in wisdom, and mercy, and for our good in pittie, and compassion ;

Oh, how happy a thing it is, and joyfull for to see, when a poor soul is going to Heaven, and Christ sayes, Come, poor soul, come, come, and I will lock thee up in my cabinet, and keep thee from sin and Satan !

He is an everlasting God, stick close to him, and hee will stick close to you.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent.

VVhen we are in affliction, Christ is all in all; but some in their afflictions are apt to say, that God hath forgotten them, but whom God loveth

loveth *hee correcteth*; and afflictions are but to make us stick closer to God, that it may be for our good and comfort.

Let us sing praise to our God, and be thankful; let us not turn back from him; and he will not turn back from us.

Whom God loveth, he correcteth in mercy.

Correction is good for poor souls, it maketh them stick closer to Christ, and that they may know him the more, both for his own glory, and their own good every way.

As the father calleth his childe when he hath done amiss, and asks why he doth so? and gives him correction: so God he gives his children correction, but *is* for their good and comfort. Ila. 27. 18, 19.

God scourgeth and whippeth his children, but he will not give them one whip, nor one lash more than is for their good. Neh 9. 23. Psa. 121. 3.

Just is God in all his dealings, *hee neither slumbereth nor sleepeth*, but is diligent, and careful in watching over his poor children. Mal. 2. 2.

Let us give him praise for all his mercies, lest he turn his blessings into cursings. Phil. 3. 8.

Labour for Jesus Christ, stick close to Jesus Christ, and he will stick close to you, *hee will never forsake you*; till you have him, you can never be satisfied. Heb. 13. 5.

Labour to follow things according to Jesus Christ, for if we gain Christ, we gain all.

When all helps fail, *Christ will never fail*

you, hee will never forsake you.

Let us labour to get into Jesus Christ, that we may be like the Angels in Heaven, and let us bend our mindes to Jesus Christ, for his mercies are greater to us than we can desire.

May the 25.

Come poor soul, come poor soul, see how God stretcherth forth his hand to an afflicted soul; thou hast been afflicted, but now I will take thee up into Heaven; God will take a poor afflicted soul into Heaven.

Good is thy Word (O Lord) to be esteemed not only in our heads, but in our hearts; take away these stony hearts, O Lord, that thy word may work a thorough work in us.

Oh take my soul, O Lord, into thy protection, and lock it up in thy cabinet, for I am assured (Lord) that I shall bee in happiness with thee, and thy Holy Angels in Heaven.

Labour to get faith in Jesus Christ, and it will keep you out of the deep pit.

Trust in Jesus Christ, and be mindful of his waies, and he will be mindful of you.

He waketh, and *neither slumbereth nor sleepeth*; who would not follow his steps, and not Satans.

Lord, open thou our hearts and our eyes, that wee run not head-long into that bottomless pit of hell and destruction.

Come, my Disciple, and *take up thy cross*,
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and walk, and thou shalt bee saved.

Pray for fixed hearts and souls in Jesus Christ, that they be not cast into hell-fire; God give us fixed and zealous hearts for Jesus Christ and fixed for Heaven.

The Lord will not turn back from us, if wee do not turn back from him, hee will carry us up to Heaven, where there is no change, but joy, and rejoycing for evermore.

Trust in Jesus Christ, and hee will rebuke your spiritual enemy : Satan is the greatest enemy to our souls; if he get them, he will cast them into hell-fire.

Come my people, into my Tabernacle, and I will embrace you with my arms, and there shall be cause of joy, and rejoycing with God and his Holy Angels for ever.

If you can but *rise with Christ, and seek those things that are above*, hee will take you up into Heaven, and lock you up in his Cabinets; if you can but rise with him, there will bee cause of joy and rejoycing for ever with my God, and his Holy Angels for ever. Col. 3. 1.

If we can but rise so high as Heaven, there will be cause of joy and comfort, and no cause of discomfort; if we be but raised so high as to see those things that are above, then wee are happy.

Come let us sing a new Song, let the praises of God be alwaies in our mouths, and let them ne- Psa. 149. 1. & 6. verse.
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ver depart out of our mouths.

Come, and let us rejoyce and be glad with our heavenly Father, where there is cause of comfort, and no cause of discomfort.

Let us labour to draw nigh home, for we are not at home whilst we are here; let us therefore hunger and thirst after better places, wee are but as *Pilgrims and Strangers* here; but wee must labour to wait with patience till our Glass be run.

Heb. 11. 13
14, 16.

VVe are but as Travellers that travel to and fro, let us labour to come to an abiding place where there is no change, then there is comfort, then we come to that place that our souls thirst after.

Psal. 103.
1, 2.

VVhat a gracious Father have we! let us be thankful unto him for his manifold mercies and blessings: what cause have we to give him praise for them? let us never be unmindful of giving him praise, and hee will never bee unmindful of us.

Phil. 2. 8.

VVhat a Christ have we that doth all things in wisdom! Oh, what hath hee done for us? we can never suffer so much for him as he hath for us, hee suffered the Death upon the Cross for us.

Good is thy word, O God, and to be esteemed of us; let us not be ignorant of it, let us have a token of thankfulness in our hearts, let us acknowledge it, that we may give God the glory of

of it again : teach us the way that we may acknowledge it, and be thankful.

Come, my people, do not thirst, but *come and drink of the water of life freely, and you shall never thirst again.* I suppose the meant, do not rest in your thirsting, but come and drink. John 7. 37

Come, my people, follow me into that pleasant place of heaven, and there you shall have joy everlasting.

Put thy Spirit into our hearts, and take away these stony hearts, that wee may become new Ezek. 36. 26, 27.

Creatures;

Come, my people, enter in at the Gate. *Strait is the gate,* but I will lead you, and open the Gate of that comfortable place, the Gate of Heaven.

Oh, trust in God, and labour to be true Believers? and he will free you from sin and Satan that roaring Lion, that seeks whom he may devour : put your trust in the Lord, and then you will have cause of joy and rejoycing for ever.

O God, thou art merciful unto thy children; and the more wee hunger and thirst after thee, the more merciful art thou; Lord, wee thank thee for thy mercies that thou hast bestowed upon us.

God is gracious in all his wayes and actions. Let us trust still in God, if we do but trust in God, we shall never faint; although I bee in a
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suffering condition here, I shall be in a comfortable condition hereafter.

How sweet is Christ in his dealings and dispensations? he will not let Satan that cunning roaring Lion, do me any hurt.

Oh, ground faith in our hearts, Oh Lord, up-
on thy Son Jesus Christ; Oh, ground our hearts
aright upon him, and hee will provide for us;
and take us up into his Kingdome, where there
is no cause of mourning, but all joy and com-
fort for ever.

We are but as Pilgrims here, and stay a time
till our glass be run, and then Jesus Christ will
bee our Protector and guider, where we shall
rejoyce for ever.

I will keep your souls in my Protection. I
will rebuke Satan, that roaring Lion, for your
takes.

*Note, that oftentimes shee would have uttered
words but could not, and then her lips would move
so that I conceive some of her speeches were spoken
in relation to something that she had in her minde
and could not utter; and so in the last speech which
is set down: and this may help the Reader to un-
derstand some other of her speeches.*

May the 26th.

Seek the things which are above, where Christ
sits at the right hand of God our Father; if wee
can but rise so high, then we should have cause
of comfort, and none of discomfort, for ever
and ever.

Happy

Happy shall wee be when wee are raised so high as to sit at the right hand of God our Father.

God my Father hath chain'd up Satan that roaring Lion, that hee cannot enter into my soul.

God doth sometimes suffer Satan to afflict us, that we may be drawn nearer to him.

God lets us lye in afflictions, that wee may get good by them, and himself glory.

Let us praise God for all his mercies, and he will shower them down upon us the more.

The more we seek to give God glory for all his mercies, the more will God seek to pour down good upon us.

Though God do take away the comfort of this World, yet he will give us comfort in another World.

Gracious is God, and pittifull to poor soules when they call on him for help, and saith, Lord, I am helpless of my self, my help is upon thee, and I trust in thee, then hee gives them help and comfort by faith in Jesus Christ. Who would but trust in such a God that gives us Christ, that we may joy and rejoyce? O how good a God have wee, that doth rebuke the Tempter, and will not let him have us, though he strive to catch us! hee would make our going to Heaven uncomfortable, and pull away our souls, but God will not suffer him; for those

those that God hath chosen, they shall receive comfort.

How gracious is God in all his waies, and worthy to be esteemed of ! if we do not esteem of him, he will not esteem of us; hee is angry with his people, it is but for a while; but with those that he is ever angry, he will say, *Go ye cursed into Hell-fire*, and what a pittiful case is that ? God will stretch out his hand to a poor soul, and say, Come, poor soul, come, thou hast been long in affliction, but I will lay thee up in Heaven, there thou shalt be happy, and rejoyce for ever.

Our Father gives us his Son Jesus Christ, to save our souls, or we had been burning in hell-fire before this time, but our God is gracious to us.

Mat. 7. 19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Lord, open our eyes that we may see Jesus Christ coming into our souls with white robes; we cannot see him with our mortal eyes, but Lord, make us to see him with our spiritual eyes; this would be the joyfullest sight that ever wee did see in all our lives.

What disobedient children are we, that do not go when our Father commands us to go ?

If you be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ himself sits at the right hand of God.

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Let us have our eyes lift up to Heaven, that we may see Jesus Christ sitting at the right hand of God; and let us bee thankful for all his mercies, for if we be unmindful of him, he will be unmindful of us.

Lord, our hearts are empty, fill them with thy Spirit, and take away the corruption that is within us.

Why are our hearts set upon the world? there is nothing but pride and corruption in the world, and we poor sinful creatures are subject to run head long into the world. Lord, wean our hearts from the world.

Good Lord, give us grace, and the eye of Faith, that wee may see Jesus Christ coming, though a far off, and that we may come nigh, and stick close to him.

Lord give us faith, that wee may trust thee, and beleve in thee, and make us true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ; for we have nothing of our selves, but corruption to trust on, and that will flye from us.

How good God is, and merciful to all his children, in delivering them from all the temptations of their spiritual enemy, which daily seeketh to destroy them.

Oh come, my people, into my Tabernacle, and I will take you up into my Throne, and there you shall rejoyce with mee, and my Angels for ever and ever.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and when you have obtained him, embrace him, and hee will embrace you; cleave fast to him, and he will cleave fast to you.

Acknowledge Jesus Christ, who is our Saviour; and when all things in the world fail, he will not fail, he will stick close to you, and not forsake you.

Let us be thankful for all mercies, though they bee but little ones; for when wee are thankful for little ones, hee will pour more upon us; and if wee bee not thankful for the least mercy, hee will pour down great curses upon us.

Look upon the actions of God, and the more you look into his works, the more power of God you shall finde in them; all that hee doth, hee doth it for the good of his poor children, and those that fear him.

May the 27th.

Lord, purge our bodies, and purifie our corrupt hearts, that thy Word may work a thorow work in us; cast back, cast back, that roaring Lion, that goes about seeking whom he may devour.

What disobedient children are we? for that which God commandeth, we will not do; but that which he forbideth, that we do, and run on head-long to our own destruction.

If the Spirit of God once work in our hearts, then

then wee shall bee happy, and shall sound out
the praise and glory of our God, for he is won-
derful in our eyes.

Lord, open thou our mouth, and let our lips shew Psal. 41.
forth thy praise; our God make speed to save us.

O teach us to know Jesus Christ, for how
will that ravish our poor souls to know our Sa-
viour! and then we shall draw nigher to hea-
ven, and rejoyce with our Father.

Come, my people, come, enter into my Ta-
bernacle, and I will have mercy upon you.

Help, help Lord, for Christs sake, that I may
obtain that happy place; for there is comfort
without discomfort, and joy without sorrow.

Mat. the 28th.

What disobedient children are we for doing
those things which we ought not to do, and in
leaving undone those things which we ought to
have done?

Come, my people, enter into my Taberna-
cle, and I will gather you under my wings, as a
Hen gathereth her Chickens; and I will assure
you of your salvation, and you shall rejoyce
with my holy Angels for ever and ever.

Let us labour to get faith in Jesus Christ;
who will gather us from our enemies; when
a poor soul thinks hee is cast down into Hell,
then Christ comes and raiseth it up, then that
soul will rejoyce with Christ, and he will keep
it from falling into that deep pit, hee will not

let it fall again; who would but trust in such a God as this, that will give his children hearts to beleve and fear him?

Labour to get Jesus Christ, for wee cannot get him without pains: if we mean to be one with him. Oh how ought we to take pains and labour to know and acknowledge Jesus? wee must struggle and strive for him, or else we can never obtain him.

Matthe 29th.

How good is our God; that takes pittie upon a poor afflicted soul! for when a poor soul is going into hell, and seeth no help but in Jesus Christ, then it cries, help, help, help, Lord; and then Jesus Christ delivereth that poor soul out of hell.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and seek for him; he is not easily gained; wee must seek for him and take pains for him, or we shall never obtain him; unless we take pains we shall never finde him.

Lord, give us hearts that we may seek after Jesus Christ, and that we may rely upon him by faith, that wee may bee made true believers in thy VVord.

Lord open thou our mouths, that our lips may shew forth thy praise: Lord, pour out thy Spirit upon our souls, and it will make us draw nigher and nigher unto thee.

Many are they Lord, that cannot obtain Je-

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Jesus Christ, it is because they do not take pains: Joh. 6. 27.
but let us arise, and be doing; for without pains
we can get nothing; wee must take pains, and
struggle for Jesus Christ, else we can never ob-
tain him.

Lord, fill our hearts with Jesus Christ, for
they are empty; fill them full of Jesus Christ,
that we may be able to live by faith upon him;
Lord fill our hearts with the knowledge of Je-
sus Christ, for our hearts are empty; and with
the righteousness of Jesus Christ, Lord enrich
our souls, that we may enrich the Kingdome of
God.

Let us be thankful to God for all his mercies
and blessings which he is pleased to bestow up-
on us: for the more thankful we are, the more ^{1 Sam 2. 30}
will he pour down his mercies and blessings up- ^{Psa. 50. 23.}
on us.

How gracious is our God, that doth all things
in wisdom and mercy to his poor servants! he
doth nothing to them, but that which is for their
good, in mercy and in righteousness. O Lord,
give us true faith in the righteousness of Jesus
Christ, that we may rely upon him for our sal-
vation.

VVhat a sweet thing it is to enjoy Jesus
Christ! happy is that soul that doth enjoy such
a gift from our Father.

If wee should be thankful all our daies, we
can never be thankful enough; for he suffered

the death upon the cross for our sins.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, and wash them away in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and then shall we be purified, and become pure Christians.

1 Thess. 5. 18. Let us give praise unto our God for all his mercies and blessings that hee hath bestowed upon us; let us alwayes bee praying our God, and bee thankful, and ever thankful.

May the 30th.

Rom. 1. 23. Lord, humble our hearts, and open our eyes, that we bee not led away with Satan, and run head-long to our destruction.

Joh. 6. 44. We have enemies too many to draw us back from Iesus Christ, but there are very few that will draw us to Iesus Christ.

Psal. 119. 117. Lord, take our souls into thy protection and keeping, for when they are with thee, they are safe.

Psa. 136. 2. Let us sing praise to our God, for his mercy endureth for ever.

1 Cor. 5. 17. Lord, take away our unbelief, and fasten us to Iesus Christ, that we may become new Christians.

Lord, wash away all our sins in the blood of thy Son Iesus, and purifie our affections, that we may become pure Virgins in Iesus Christ.

Come, let us drink of the water of life, and then wee shall never thirst again.

Oh how happy are they that can but obtain
Iesus Christ; for if we be never so poor in this
world, but we can but obtain Iesus Christ, we
shall have riches enough, for then we shall be Eph. 3. 8.
rich in glory.

May 31.

The Lord give us faith, for without faith Eph. 2. 8.
wee cannot get Iesus Christ.

The Lord give us knowledge, for without Rom. 10.
knowledge we cannot attain faith, and with-
out faith we cannot attain to salvation. Eph. 1. 18,
19.

If we can attain to the height of faith, wee
shall attain to the height of Iesus Christ; and
if we attain to the height of Iesus Christ, we
shall attain to the height of glory.

Lord, humble us under our burthen of sin,
That when Christ who is our life shall appear, we
may also appear with him in glory. Marth. 23.
12.

Come, my people, Call upon mee in time of Psal. 50. 15
trouble, and I will heare you, and answer you.

Oh wash us, and cleanse us, that neither 1 Joh. 1. 7.
spot nor stain bee upon us; wash us clean in
the blood of Christ, that we may become new Eph. 3. 27
virgins, pure virgins.

Let us bless God, and bee thankful for all
those mercies that he is pleased to pour down 1 Chro. 20
upon us; let us be thankful, yea very thank-
ful; for the more wee thank him, the more
will he pour down his mercies upon us. 22, 23, 24.

June the 1st 1652.
 Lord pardon, and forgive us all our sins, and give us hearts earnestly to begge pardon for them; if thou hadst not been a merciful Father, we had all been burning in hell fire, we had been all burning and howling in hell-fire before this, but thou hast given thy Son Iesus Christ to dye for our sins; for his sake we beg pardon for them.

Lord, give us thankful hearts, wee have cause to bee thankful, if wee had a thousand hearts, we could never be thankful enough to thee for all thy mercies, that thou hast bestowed, and showed down upon us.

Lord, give us thy Word, and ground it in our hearts; Lord, give us thy Spirit into our hearts, for without thy Spirit the Word is but a dead letter.

I will be your God, and ye shall be my people.
 Jer. 31:33
 Titus 1. 1. Lord, give us faith in Iesus Christ, for without
 Col. 2. 2. our faith in him we can never acknowledge Iesus Christ, to be our alone Saviour and Redeemer.

Shee spake not again untill June the fourth.

Oh, my God, I give unto thee my soul, my body, and my heart, and all; hoping that I now am going unto that happy place, which I have desired so long.

June the 5th.

If a poor man which hath not a bit of bread,

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bread, nor a broom to sweep his house with Eph. 3. 8.
all; yet if he have but Christ, hee is richer Col. 2. 3.
than that man which hath all the riches of this
VWorld.

VWho would but trust in such a God, that
will save and defend us from all evil?

Who would but trust in such a Christ Luk 1. 74.
that will defend us from Satan, and all our ene-
mies both bodily and spiritual? who would
but trust in such a Christ, that will preserve
us as hee did *Jonah*, three dayes and three Jon. 1. 17.
nights in the VWhales belly?

Lord, humble, humble, our stony hearts,
that they bee not puffed up with pride and va-
nity.

How often would I have gathered you together Mat. 23. 37
as a Hen gathereth her Chickens under her
wings, and ye would not, but were stubborn
and rebellious.

June the 6th.

O *Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I*
have gathered you together. as a Hen gathereth
her Chickens, and you would not?

Let not our hearts be drawn after the va-
nities of this world, nor after the steps of Sa-
tan, which goeth lurking, lurking, watching
and waiting like a Serpent; but follow Christs
steps for if Satan get you, he will fling you into
hell-fire.

Long is the way to Heaven, and much ado Matth. 7.
13, 14.
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wee have to get thither; but short is the way that leadeth to hell.

What disobedient children are we; that will not follow Gods commands? that which is evil hee forbids us, and that wee do; and that which is good he commands, and that wee do not.

Lord, wean our hearts from this world: let us not be led by sin nor Satan: let not Satan get any power over our souls: if he get power over our souls, he will cast them into the bottom of hell for ever and ever.

Phil. 3. 8. This world is nothing but fading comforts, nothing but *dross, loss and dung in comparison of Christ.*

Mar. 8. 36 What are wee better when wee are in our pomp in this world, when we do nothing but pine in our souls, and our souls to be cast into hell, where there will be howling for ever and ever?

Mat. 6. 19. Lord, pardon our proud worldly hearts, for wee are alwayes hungering after this sinful world; where there is nothing but that which will lead us into hell.

Oh, let us not hunger after this world, but hunger after Christ.

Oh, what a loving Father have wee, that when a poor soul is thrown down as low as hell, and is in great afflictions, then hee sends Jesus Christ, and takes pitty of that poor soul, and lifts it up to Heaven!

Christ

Christ will look upon a poor soul with die eyes of compassion, then that poor soul is happy, and hee will carry it to heaven, where it shall rejoyce with God and his holy Angels.

Let us hunger for Jesus Christ, and when we have him, let us hold him fast; and let us stick close to him, and he will stick close to us; hee will bee our Keeper, and our Saviour both of bodies and souls.

Good is thy Word, and to bee esteemed; 1 Thess. 2. drive it into our hearts, and not only into our heads, but into our hearts, that it may work a thorow work in us.

Come, let us flye up to heaven as a bird in the air; if we could get up as high as heaven, we should be happy.

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy.

Come, let us sing praises unto our God with mirth and joy, for wee shall sing with our Father, and his holy Angels for ever and ever.

Lord, vanquish Satan that roaring lion, and tread him under foot, that hee may not overcome our souls by his evil waies, watching every opportunity.

June the 7th.

This night came one of those commonly called Quakers, and all that came to her did judge that then shee knew none, neither could shee hear, or did ever minde what was said to her, or in her company; and this man and her Un-

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Psal. 16. 1.

Psal. 95. 1.

Matth. 16.

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Rem. 16.

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the Captain *Hatfield*, being in discourse, she uttered the words following at that time (which are very observable) viz.

Take heed, take heed, that you sow not Tares, lest you reap Tares; *Every Tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewen down and cast into the fire.*

Mat. 13. 25

Gal. 6. 7, 8.

Mat. 7. 17.

Lord, give us faith in Christ, for without faith and knowledge, wee cannot come unto Christ.

Come, let us flye unto the Throne of grace, as a Bird doth into the air.

Heb. 4. 16. Lord, give us zealous hearts for Jesus Christ, for there is help in him, but there is no help upon the Earth.

Lord, resist Satan that roaring lion, that goes about seeking whom he may devour: let us cleave to Jesus Christ, when Satan draws near, and he will deliver us from that roaring lion.

June the 8th.

Lord quicken our dead and ignorant hearts, which are stubborn and rebellious; (but before we be quickned, we must lye at the feet of Jesus Christ) for without we be quickned wee are like an ignorant man that travels up and down, and knows not whither.

Lord, humble these Proud hearts of ours, and take that burthen from us, for Christ saith, *Come unto me, all yee that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Mat. 11. 28

If we be dead-hearted, we must lye down at Joh. 10. 10
the feet of Jesus Christ, till hee bee pleased to
quicken us.

Take heed of despising God and his Ord- Luk. 10. 17
nances, for if we despise them, God will despise
us.

Set your affections on things above, and not on Col. 3. 1.
things below; for your life is hid with Christ in
God.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and hee will cast
out that spiritual enemy that would cast you
out.

Trust in Jesus Christ, for he is a trusty God
to trust in.

Let us put on the whole armour of God. Eph. 6. 11

Oh, let us labour for Jesus Christ, and he will 1 Pet. 2. ult
be our Shepherd, and we shall be his Sheep,
hee will lock us up in his Cabiner, and keep us
from sin and Satan.

Lord, strengthen our unbelieving hearts. Mar. 9. 24.

Let us labour to be strong in faith, and wee 2 Tim. 2. 1
shall be strong in Jesus Christ.

Let us labour to bee rich in Jesus Christ, 2 Cor. 6. 10
though we be poor in the World. Rev. 2. 9.

I have obtained Jesus Christ.

When you have obtained Jesus Christ, you 1 Pet. 2. 7.
have obtained a jewel of all jewels. Mar. 13. 46

Let us be Partakers of the Word of God, Joh. 5. 39,
and wee shall bee Partakers of Jesus Christ: 46, 47.
if wee do not know the Word of God, nor 2 Cor. 4.
bee 16, 17.

be Partakers of it, we shall never know Jesus Christ.

When wee are but weak in body, and are true Christians, wee should bee strong in Jesus Christ.

If we be weak in body, our body loseth by it, but our souls gain by it.

Luk. 11. 22. Let us labour to get true possession of Jesus Christ, and then Satan that roaring lion, can get no possession of us.

Lord, give us the life of Grace, to spring up in our hearts, that wee may bee drawn to thee.

June the 9th.

Joh. 17. 17 Lord give us the light of Heaven, that wee may be holy as thou art holy.

If once Grace be but kindled in our hearts, then happy shall we be and blessed.

Let us trust in Jesus Christ, and he will conquer our spiritual enemy, and purifie our double hearts.

Mat. 2. 2. Let us be thankful and ever thankful for all his mercies, lest he turn his Blessings into Curses, and pour down his wrath upon us.

Lord, give us true repenting hearts for our sins, least we run head-long to hell for want of repentance.

Jer. 31. 13. Come, my Disciples, Take up your Cross and follow me, and I will bee your God: *joy, joy,* *Rev. 12. 7. joy.*

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Learn the lesson of faith; or you shall never
 know Christ: but Lord, let us learn this lesson
 of Faith, that we thy unworthy Servants may be
 delivered both from our bodily and spiritual e-
 nemies.

We are poor dry creatures; but Lord, breath
 thy Spirit into us, that wee may bee Saints in
 Heaven.

Good Lord, enrich our souls, that wee may
 enrich the Kingdome of Heaven.

Come, my People; enter into my Taberna-
 cle, and you shall rest in joyes for ever.

Wee must labour to have hearts for Jesus
 Christ, for wee shall never attain to him: wee
 must labour for him, he is not easily gained, but
 we must take pains and seek him.

Let us put off the rags of sin, and put on the
 robes of Righteousness.

Let us struggle for Jesus Christ, and labour
 for him, lay hold of him, and when we have ob-
 tained him, let him not slip from us.

Let us give God the glory of all things, and
 he will pour down all things upon us that are
 good for us.

Lord, pardon our sins, and give us hearts to
 beg pardon of thee for them.

Lord, give us thankful hearts to acknow-
 ledge thy goodness, and to be thankful for eve-
 ry little mercy.

Lord, fit and prepare our unprepared hearts,
 that

Heb. 11. 37

Eph. 6. 16

Ezek. 37.

45.

James 2. 9

Ps. 134.

with 134.

Prov. 2. 3.

49.

Eph. 4. 23

Rom. 13.

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Cant. 3. 4.

Luk. 11. 7.

1 The. 5. 18

1 Cor. 15.

that 32. with 38

that men may bee prepared at the sound of
Trumpet.

Rev. 19.7.

8.9.

Psa. 74.26

Joh. 6.31

Let us labour to be married to Jesus Christ
and that is better then all the marriages in
world; it is an everlasting marriage: hee
the richest above all; he is an everlasting por-
tion; he that feeds bodies with natural food
will also feed the souls of all those that be-
lieve and put their trust in him, with spiri-
tual food.

For the 10th.

1 Pet. 3.1.

Psa. 124.4

Eph. 6.11

Joh. 1.16

Psa. 4.6,7

Phil. 1.29

Eph. 1.8.

1 Joh. 2.15

Joh. 5.44

Psa. 79.9

Lord, fill our hearts with the fulness of Je-
sus Christ, that no corruption remain.

Lord, satisfie our hearts; for without thee we
cannot be satisfied.

Lord, give us faith in Jesus Christ, that we
may rest believing in him, for our hearts are full
of unbelief.

Lord, take our hearts off from this worldly
trash; for this world is nothing else but trash.

Lord, humble these proud hearts, that they
may cleave, and stick more close to Jesus
Christ.

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Lord, take these base and ignorant hearts of ours, cleanse and purge them. Psal. 51. 9.
Psal. 78. 7.

Let us not be forgetful of Gods mercies, lest we be forgetful of God. Deut. 32. 18.

Oh how good my God is, that hath given me Jesus Christ: Lord, fill me full of Jesus Christ; that I may dwell with him. Esa. 9. 6.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins and wash them away in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Lord, purifie our hearts, as the hony is purified from the dross.

Lord, give us faith to beleieve in Jesus Christ, for without faith we can never attain to Jesus Christ.

Let us lye at the feet of Jesus Christ, that we may be raised to the height of glory. Mat. 23. 12.

Let us bee thankful for every good mercy; for if we be not thankful, God will hide his face from us. Deut. 32. 18 with
Psa. 78. 42 with 59.

Lord, keep back that roaring lion, and tread him under foot, he did lay his snare for me, but thou hast broken it, and I am escaped as the bird from the fowler. Psa. 124. 7.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will hear you, and deliver you from all dangers in this world, and that which is to come.

Let us labour to attain to the height of Righteousness, that wee may attain to the height of Faith; for if wee do not attain to

the height of Righteousness, we can never attain to the height of Faith: and if wee do not attain to the height of Faith, wee shall never attain to the height of Jesus Christ.

Trust in Jesus Christ, and hee will conquer that Enemy that would conquer your poor souls; but God hath conquered him in me.

Come, poor people, let us rejoyce together.

Come, let us sing a new song, for all his mercies that he is pleased to bestow upon us.

Lam. 3. 22. How great is the mercy of God to us in keeping of us from sinking down into that bottomless pit.

1 Sam. 2. 30. ult. Let us take heed of displeasing God, least God displease us, and be angry with us.

And the 11th. Call upon me in the time of trouble and I will hear and deliver you.

Plak. 2. 13. So then all they that put their trust in God, and call upon him, shall bee happy and blest.

Cast down that roaring lion, that goeth about to conquer my poor soul: if I do but put my trust in Jesus Christ, hee will conquer him.

2 Pet. 1. 1. Lord, give us Righteousness, for without Righteousness wee can never get faith, and without faith we cannot get Christ.

Lord, give us true repenting hearts for all our sins, for without true repenting hearts we can

can never get assurance of our salvation.

Neh. 8. 19.

Lord, ravish our hearts with the joy of Heaven, that wee may labour and take pains for Jesus Christ, for without pains hee will never be found.

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy.

Lord humble our self-willed hearts that we may be thankful for all thy mercies, which thou hast been pleased to bestow upon us.

Luk. 1. 46,
47, 48.

Thou hast been a loving and a merciful Father, but we have been stubborn and rebellious children; if thou hadst not been a gracious Father, wee had all been burning in hell-fire before this.

Come let us sow the seed of faith, that wee may reap gladness.

Hos. 10. 12.

When wee are in affliction, wee must cry to Jesus Christ for help and he will help us.

John the 14th.

Let us trust in Jesus Christ, and labour for Faith; struggle and strive for it; then our Father will give us his dear Son Jesus Christ.

We can never do so much for Jesus Christ, as he hath done for us; hee hath laid down his life to save us.

Luk. 17. 10
Joh. 15. 13

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy.

Gods world, and this world are not both alike; those that are of this world, they love the world; and such if they do not suffer in this

Jam. 4. 4.

world, they must suffer in another world, hell torments in brimstone and fire for ever and ever.

We pray thee, good God, look upon thy poor unworthy people, and deliver us from all dangers.

3 Cor. 15.
45.

Lord, quicken us in thy Son Jesus Christ till wee come to that joyful place where there no change.

Lord, fill our hearts with the fulness of Jesus Christ, that wee may dwell with thee and thy holy Angels for ever.

Lord, keep our hearts close unto thee, and pull us forth of the snare of Satan that roaring lion, and make us to escape, as the Bird escapes out of the net of the Fowler.

What a good God and merciful Father have we! if he had not been merciful to us, we had all been burning in hell before this.

Lord, ripen us, for the sooner we are ripe, the sooner shall wee have assurance of Jesus Christ.

Col. 3. 11.

Lord, satisfie our unsatisfied hearts; if wee had all the world, we should never be satisfied, but if we had Jesus Christ, we should be satisfied.

Isa. 26. 19.

Rom. 8 2.

Wee are here like poor captives without grace in our hearts.

Without thy Spirit, Lord, wee are but as dry creatures, dry bones moscer'd away, without

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Mal. 3. 3.

our thou breathe the *Spirit of life into us.*

Lord, purge our unclean hearts, that we may be purified in Jesus Christ.

Good Lord, look down upon thy unworthy Servants, and give us thankful hearts for all those mercies that thou hast bestowed upon us, least all our mercies be turned into curses.

June the 13th.

Come, let us suck sweetnesse from Jesus Christ, as the Bee sucks sweetness out of the Flower. *Isa. 66. 17.*

Come, let us call upon the Lord in time of trouble, and what affliction soever we are in, he will hear us, and deliver us.

Come, let us search these false hearts of ours; there is deceit in every corner of them; but wee must desire of God to help us to search them, least our searching prove all in vain. *Lam. 3. 40. Jer. 17. 9. Psal. 139. 23, 24. Eph 4. 1, 2.*

Let us labour to get the truth of Jesus Christ if we can but get the truth of Jesus Christ, it will ravish our hearts; first hee prepares our hearts for the work of faith; then he works faith in them.

Those that God hath chosen, hee will pluck out the blinde eye, that they bee not led away by sin and Satan, and hee will give them a light eye. *Isa. 29. 18. Mar. 6. 22.*

Lord fill our hearts with the fulness of Jesus Christ; that we do not sink into the bottomless pit.

Come and knock at the gate of righteousness, and wait till Jesus Christ come and open the gates.

Lord pull back that roaring lion, that serpent that goeth about seeking to devour our poor souls. God will but suffer him to step in that we may stick closer to Jesus Christ.

Lord, rebuke that roaring lion, and chain him up, that hee may have no power over our poor souls.

Lord prepare our unprepared hearts against thou call.

Oh God, prepare our hearts that wee may come before thee with thankful hearts for every mercy that thou hast bestowed upon us.

Lord give us faith: for without faith wee cannot come to thee.

June the 14th.

Good Lord, enrich our poor souls, that wee may enrich the Kingdome of Heaven.

We have but dry and ignorant hearts, Lord quicken them, that we may sit at the right hand of God with Jesus Christ, rejoycing with him for ever.

June the 15th.

Good Lord, what shall we do to inheric the Kingdome of Heaven?

June the 16th.

The Lord bee with you, for I am going to change, and after shall never change.

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I pray you, pray that my soul may bee precious in the sight of God. Psa. 116.
115.

God is going now to finish his work.

My God hath laid up Treasures for mee in Heaven.

June the 19th.

Merhinks I see the fine sights of heaven, my Christ embracing me in his arms, and letting me see the light of heaven. 2 Tim. 4.8
Joh. 1. 30
Mat. 25. 23
Psal. 36. 9.

Then she spake no more till June the 21th.

The Lord of Heaven be with you all; though wee part here, I hope wee must meet in Heaven; my Christ is shewing me the way to Heaven.

Pray, pray, pray for some help from God and pray that your prayers may bee accepted of God.

These valedictory expressions of hers I conceive, might arise from this change, which now should bee in the manner of her Disease; for now she had no more the liberty of speech given to her until the twenty ninth day of July, and then.

• *July the 29th.*

About eight of the clock at night (as that was the ordinary time that shee began at, and so continued some two hours with intervals to speak) she being in a stiff fit, spake these words with a smiling countenance.

My Christ is come again, I have obtained Christ.

I have my desire, I have now a crucified Christ.

Then she spake not again until August 11. about 10 of the clock at night.

Now my Father hath given me Jesus Christ again(I hope)to save my soul.

Now I have obtained Christ again,a crucified Christ.

Let us put off the rags of sin,and put on the robes of righteousness,

August the 15. about 7 of the clock, she lying in the same posture, spake as followeth.

My Saviour is come again, that suffered death upon the Cross to save my soul.

I was in darkness,but now I am in light.

My Christ hath vanquished Satan that goeth about to destroy my soul.

Then she spake not again until August the 17.

When shee had the extreamest convulsion-fit that ever;she was drawn with her face turned behinde her, and one eye looking up, and the other shut, and in that fit, she spake as followeth.

2 Chron.
15.2.

I will be with my God, and my God will be with me.

Joh.8.48

I hope my soul is precious in the sight of my God.

ch.10.28,
29.

I am not in the hands of the Devil,but in the hands of my God.

Which words much refreshed the spirits of her

her friends, who stood weeping by her to see her so sadly handled: then she proceeded.

My Gods *Angels* have pitched their Tents about me, and will carry my soul into heaven.

Psa. 34. 7

2 Chron.

15. 2.

I will never forsake my God, and my God will never forsake me.

Heb. 13. 5

Psa. 18. 4, 5

Take heed of slighting Gods mercies; for if wee slight his mercies, he will slight us, if wee slight his mercies, he will pour his wrath upon us.

Isa. 5. 12

13.

August 20.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will relieve you.

Ask, and ye shall have; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Ask, and you shall have life everlasting.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the Devil, and all his Angels.

Ler us wait upon the Lord until his time appointed, and he will ease us: for our time is of the Lord: we cannot have it when we would, but when the Lord pleaseth.

Psa. 25. 14

& 31. 15

August 23. at 8 a clock at night.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will hear and deliver thee, and thou shalt glorifie me.

Lord, humble our haughty and proud hearts, that they be not led away with this world, for we are apt to follow the steps of Satan, rather than the steps of God.

First,

First, he prepareth our hearts that they may be capable of faith, and then he worketh faith in them.

Isa. 40.3. Lord, purge our rusty hearts, that they may be clean, that we may become pure Virgins of thine; for if thou do not purge them, they will be like rusty iron that lieth long.

Pla. 51.7. My Christ will tread Satan under foot, which goeth about like a roaring lion, hunting to destroy my poor soul, but hee can go no farther than my God giveth him leave, he hath a malice to my poor soul.

Luk. 11.21. Those that belong to God, Satan is alwaies in perplexing and troubling them, but God doth but let him step in to make them stick closer unto God, if Satan get but one step in, and get in his head, he will strive to get in his whole body; the least opportunity he can get, he will seek it, and will not lose it.

1 Joh. 1.6. Let us cast off the rags of sin, and put on the robes of righteousness, and then wee shall obtaine Jesus Christ.

Phil. 3.9,
10, 12

Let us suck sweetnesse from Jesus Christ even as the Bee sucketh Honey from the flower.

August 30.

Let us draw comfort from Jesus Christ, as the childe milk from the mothers breast; the harder we draw, the more we shall get.

Take heed you slight not Gods mercies; for

you slight his mercies, it is just with God to
light you.

*August 31. at 12 a clock in the
morning.*

Lord, cast out our stony hearts, and make ^{Ezek. 36.}
them new, that we may be new creatures. ^{26.}

Lord, purge the dross out of our hearts, and
purifie them.

Let us stand at the gate of righteousness, and
wait until Jesus Christ see time to open the
door of faith.

Lord, rebuke that crooked Serpent, that
would destroy my poor soul; but my Father
will not suffer him; hee hath a malice to my
poor soul, but God will but let him step in, and
get a look in, but it is to make me stick closer
to Jesus Christ.

Let us fear the Lord, that we may live in his
fear, and die in his favour.

Let us take heed that wee slight not Gods ^{Psa. 78. 64}
mercies, least he turn his back of us; if wee do ^{Jer. 5. 24}
not fear him and serve him, he will flye away ^{25.}
from us, and then when we come unto him ^{Isa. 1. 12.}
gain, when hee calleth us not, he will say unto ^{2-10 15.}
us, *Go ye cursed, into hell-fire for ever;* and will
not accept of us, but cast us off.

September the 1.

Many there bee that cannot attain to the ^{Isa. 29. 24.}
height of Gods Word, but if they labour for it, & ^{31. 4.}
he will give it them.

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2 Cor. 3. 6. The Word of God is but a dead letter, without his Spirit be with it.

September 2. at 4 a clock in the afternoon.

The snare is broken, and I am escaped, even a Bird from the Fowl-catcher.

Isa. 37. 36. God will not make the Cup so bitter, but hee will mix it with comfort, hee will mix it with sugar, hee will mix it with comfort, as well as with discomfort.

September the 3.

Deut. 32. 29. Prepare against the Grave open, and the Trumpet sound, that we may be in hopes to obtain a joyful Resurrection,

1 Cor. 15.

17, 19.

with 8.

September the 4th.

Let us labour to believe in God, and trust in him; for hee afflicts us to make us stick closer unto him; hee whips us with one rod; if that will not do, hee takes a second; and if that will not do, hee takes a third; and if that will not do, hee takes the fourth, that he might bring our hearts home to him, and that we might say, *It is good for us that we have been afflicted.*

Micha 6. 9.

Heb. 12.

10, 11.

Job 5. 19

Psa. 119.

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Prepare, prepare against the mouth of the Grave open, and the Trumpet sound, that we may be in hopes to obtain a joyful Resurrection.

Let us labour for faith; the greatest faith, the greatest joy.

Sep-

September the 5. at 2 a clock in the
afternoon.

Let us labour to believe in Jesus Christ; no
faith, no Christ; no faith, no Christ.

Let us labour to trust in Jesus Christ; with
things are fading and transitory in respect of
Christ. *All things are but dross and dung in com-
parison of Christ.* Set your affections on things a-
bove, and not on things of the earth: for wee are
dead, and our lives are hid with Christ in God.

Let us labour to trust in Jesus Christ; if all
things in the world fail, he will never fail.

Lord, establish, establish our hearts upon
thee, and let us pray for faith and grace, and
all other good things, and make us thankful to
thee for ever and ever.

Lord, give us faith to build upon thee.

Lord, give us faith to build upon thee, for
without faith we can do nothing: no faith, no
Christ; no Christ, no Salvation.

Let us flye, let us flye unto the Throne of
Grace, as a Bird doth into the air, hoping that
we shall shine before the face of the Lord, as a
star in the firmament.

Lord cast down Satan that Serpent, and tread
him under foot, that seeks to devour my soul; but
hee cannot; he hath a malice to my poor soul,
but chain him up Lord; for hee is alwaies trou-
bling and perplexing the Servants of God; but
those that hee hath overcome, hee lets them
alone

alone, until he cast them into hell, where they shall lie howling for ever and ever, where there is no end.

Zach. 12.

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Lord, establish our hearts upon thee, and give us grace to pray for faith, and all other good gifts, and make us truly thankful to thee as a Christian ought to be.

September the 6th at 4 clock in the

afternoon

Lord, purge our hearts that are stubborn and rebellious against thee.

Lord, purifie our hearts, as the Honey from the dofs.

Against the same day at 6 clock.

My Christ is come again, and he will never forsake me: I will stick close to him; and he will never flye back from me.

Luk. 11. 27

1 Thel. 1. 10

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Let us stick close unto the Lord, and trust in him; and hee will save us from all dangers in this world; for with him in the World to come there is no danger.

September the 7th.

1 Per. 3. 18

Lord, grant that as wee grow in daies and years, we may grow in grace and holiness.

September the 8th.

This day a Physician came to visit her, being sent for by her Parents; they desiring to use what means could be procured for her, and it pleased God (whilst the Physician was there with her) to shut up her mouth, her teeth being

sedates

set in her head, so as they could not open them; her upper teeth were drawn somewhat over her nether teeth; and so they continued (save only that the workings of the Convulsions opened them sometimes, and drew her tongue out of her mouth, I say, so they continued) until the seventh of December following; all which time she lived with the least quantity of food that could be; for they put milk into her lips, and how any should go into her stomach we know not, except some of it pulled at each side of her mouth, where one tooth was wanting; and yet in this time she grew very fat, and her flesh very firm and solid, and she did look very fair and fresh.

Whereas you might rather apprehend that shee was a lean, dried, and withered Anatomy; and yet we conceived, she did take down something, though before the setting of her teeth, we could not perceive that shee took any thing down, but spurr'd it out presently; only by the effects wee gathered that shee did receive some nourishment, because shee had the benefit of nature; but her stools were such as all that beheld them admired: they are round; of the quantity of a Nutmeg, very hard, and like a peece of earth rolled in lime, and they have no smell.

Yet in this condition when her teeth were thus set, shee spake in her stiffnes for several daies as followeth.

Sep-

September the 8th,

When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we appear with him in glory.

Let us labour for Christ: if a poor man have but Christ, and have nothing else, hee is richer than the richest man in the world.

Heb. 11.
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Christ hath pulled back Satan that roaring lurking lion, that would destroy my poor soul; but my Christ is stronger than he, and will not let him.

Let us strive for Christ; happy, happy, happy, happy are they that have Christ.

2 Pet. 2. 5.
Heb. 13. 9.

Lord help us to build up a new building of thy grace; build them upon our heart, and establish our hearts upon thee.

She intermitted speaking till September 20.

And then she said.

Col. 2. 7.

Lord lay a new ground-work in our hearts of faith, and make it stedfast; if thou graft it, it will take root.

My God hath vanquished Satan that hath such a malice to my poor soul, he would get in, he cannot, he cannot, my God doth but suffer him to step in, to make mee stick closer unto him, and deter mee from this devilish wicked world.

1 Pet. 5. 8.
9. with

1 Joh. 5. 4.
& Ephc. 1.

6. 12.

Psa. 13. 12

Psa. 17. 14

Psa. 73. 26.

Lord, wean our hearts from the trash of this world, and give us Christ to be our portion, and he will be an everlasting portion.

Lord, Lord, work a new ground-work in

our hearts; for if thou work it, it will stand; Deu. 33. 4
and if thou work it not, it will fall to the
ground.

September the 22th.

Her lips did move long before she could
utter any words, at last she exprest her
self, as followeth.

Take heed you do not despise Gods Ordina-
nces, and his VVord, which he spake out of
his owne mouth; for if you despise Gods
Ordinances, and his VVord, God will de-
spise you, and cast you on his left hand, and say,
*Go, you Cursed, into Hell-fire, prepared for
you.* Heb. 12. 25

Let us labour to bee Followers of Jesus Ephes. 5. 1.
Christ, and desie the fiery Darts of the De-
vil.

Let us labour to build our conversation upon
the Lord.

Take heed of the Devil, for hee is alwayes
perplexing and terrifying the servants of God:
but take heed, for it is more dangerous when
he cometh in white, than when hee cometh in
black; for hee will but flatter you, and make
you believe that he will save you, and shew you
fine things, but take heed, hee will but flatter
you, and deceive you, that he may cast you in-
to hell.

2. Cor. 11.
13-14.

September the 23d.

This night, and the other nights following

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till

Rev. I. 3. till the 19. of October, she spake constantly about 8 a clock at night.

Lord build up our hearts upon the High corner-stones, which High corner-stones are the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rev. I. 5. Lord, pardon all our sins; whether they bee Scarlet-sins, or Crimson-sins, or sins of a double-dye, or sins of ignorance, or sins of wilfulness; Lord, pardon them, and wash them away in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isa. 53. 5. It is our sins that is the cause of the sufferings of that thy Beloved One, thy Son Jesus Christ.

Joh. 6. 44. No man can come to Christ except the Father draw him.

Phil. 3. 10. with v. 14. Let us struggle and strive to have our conversation in Heaven, and let us press forward to have our conversation there; for without we have conversation in Heaven, there will be howling and rosembling in bell fire forever and ever; but in Heaven there will be life everlasting.

Heb. 9. 27. Mat. 25. 46. Prepare, prepare against the Day of death for when the day of Death cometh, when after cometh the day of Judgement, and then cometh Death to the wicked, and life to the Righteous.

Take heed that Satan that roaring lion do not reign in your hearts; for it is more dangerous

rous when hee cometh in white, like an Angel, ^{Cor. 13}
of light, than when he cometh in black, like a
Blackmore;

Lord, purge and purifie our droffie, gnorant,
and corrupt hearts; that wee may bee follow-
ers of thee; and wash us, and cleane us in
the blood of thy Beloved One, thy Son Jesus
Christ.

Take heed that Satan get not power over ^{1 Par. 5}
your souls; for if hee get in his head, hee will
strive to get in his whole body.

Then she laughed, and closed her Arms, and
Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy.

September the 24th.

Lord, take away these stony, thorny, and ^{Zach. 13}
corruptible hearts, and purge them, purge,
and refine them, even as silver and gold is re-
fined.

Let the VVord of God bee written in your
hearts in letters of Gold.

Take heed your sow not good seed on thorn-
y ground; for the thorns will spring up and
choak it.

My Christ will tread Satan under foot, hee
hath promised to do it, and hee will fulfil his
promise, hee will do it, hee will not fail, hee is
to be trusted.

One glimpse of Christ is worth all the
world.

1 Joh. 5. 18 Lord, pull back Satan, that roaring lion, that goeth about to devour my poor soul, but he cannot, but he cannot touch it.

1 Pet. 5. 10 Lord, establish our hearts upon thee, and set them stedfast upon thee, and fix them upon thee, and change our hearts, and make them new vessels.

Lord, wash us, and cleanse us in the blood of thy Beloved One, and make us without spot and blemish, even as thy spotless Lamb.

Eph. 5. 27 My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lurking, roaring Lion, which goeth about to destroy my poor soul, but he cannot enter in; My Christ is stronger than he, he is an help to my soul in the time of trouble, in the time of extremity.

Psal. 46. 1 When a poor soul is going a journey to Heaven, then Satan is alwayes in troubling him; for hee thinketh, if hee cannot get power then, he can never get power; then he is busied, he sheweth his strength, he putteth out all his strength.

2 Tim. 3. 2 Abstain, abstain from all vices in this world that are so strong in us, as drunkenness, lasciviousness, blasphemy, and drawing into evil company, and all other vices, lying and cheevings; if we anger God, it will be just with God to pour his wrath down upon us.

September the 25th.
Mat. 23. 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would

have gathered you together, as a Hen gathereth
her Chickens under her wings? but thou wouldest
not. Thy destruction is of thy self.

Let us wean our hearts from this world? for
if it once get into us, it is hard to get out again;
wee toil and moil for our bodies, but which
of us taketh that pains for our souls; wee are
sooner filled with the trash of this world, than
with our God; wee are apt to seek into this
world, but which of us looks into our hearts,
and examines our hearts, whether they bee for
God or not, and whether we follow the com-
mands of God? if wee do not follow his com-
mands, he will not hear us. The heart of man
is false and hollow; a hollow hearted man will
shine on the out-side, but he is rotten within, he
sheweth it so to this world, but God knoweth
the heart of man.

Hof. 13. 9.

Rom. 12. 2

Psal. 4. 5.

Mat. 6. 19.

Prov. 28. 9.

Mat. 23. 25

27. 28.

1 King. 8.

39.

Seeing wee have put off the old man with his
deeds, let us put on the new man which is renewed
with knowledge.

Col. 3. 9.

10.

Take heed you put not new wine into old bot-
tles, least the bottles break, and scatter the wine.

Mat. 9. 17.

Let us labour to lay hold upon Christ, and
stick close to him, and follow his command-
ments, and not bee like the man that looks his
face in a Glass, and presently forgetteth what
manner of man he was.

Jam. 1. 23,

24, 25

Let us labour for Christ, and get faith; the
greater faith, the greater joy: faith is a gift to

Ephes. 2. 8

Phil. 3. 8.

win Christ by: Christ will not be won without faith.

Many there be that will not believe there is a God, but it is the littleness of their faith, the weakness of faith: they are fools and do not understand, that think so; *the fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.*

There are many that say, they have Christ, and they are Christ, but there is no more Christs but one. Many there be that say, they have Christ, and they know Christ, but they do but make a shew to the world, and flatter the world; when God knows, they know not what Christ is. They make a shew to the world; and say, Christ is within them, and Christ is within them, when alas, they do not know what he is; they flatter the world, and they think to flatter God too; but alas, alas the day of judgement, the day of judgement, alas, alas they are blinde, and cannot see, there is a mist before their eyes; they run, but they cannot tell whither; they stumble, there is a stumbling-block before their eyes.

Oh how happy a thing it is, and joyful for to see when a poor Christian is embraced in the two arms of love, of that beloved One, that beloved One! those whom he hath chosen, he will take them for his own for ever, he will lock them in his Cabinet from all sin and sorrow, and from the Devils assaults.

In the day when I make up my jewels, they shall be mine, saith the Lord. Mal. 3. 17

She concluded with much rejoycing, but expressed no words.

September the 26th

I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Husband-man; every branch that bringeth not forth good fruit in me, shall be hewn down, and cast into the fire. Joh. 15. 1, 2.

Those that I do not Chastise, they are not sons, but bastards, saith the Lord. Heb. 12. 8.

Lord, pull back Satan, that roaring lion, which would devour my poor soul; but hee cannot, but hee cannot; my God will not suffer him.

Obeys the Commandements of God, and do not dishonour him, but honour him; and do not abuse his Titles Words, or Works: labour to make a right use of them; it is them that we must be overthrowen, or accepted by. Deut. 6. 3. Exod. 10. 7 Rom. 1. 11 12. 13.

Take heed you live not in a known sin, for if you live in a known sin, it is a double sin; and if in a double sin, God will double his Judgements; God will denounce against you the greatest judgement amongst the catalogue; 48. Luk. 12. 47
If you dishonour God, he will make you smart for it.

Take heed of Satan that cunning Serpent; beware of him, beware of him, for hee is alwayes drawing and flattering us unto him; and

when he hath got us unto him, hell-fire will be our end.

Joel 3. 19

Let us labour to forsake sin, and cleave unto Jesus Christ, and let him be our safeguard; if you give way to little sins, it will bring on greater sins; *For which things sake, the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience:* if you give way to little sins, it will bring on greater sins, and then the greater will be your Judgement.

Eph. 5. 6.

Lord, sanctifie it unto us, that it may take an impression in our hearts; and work it in us, that it may take a deep impression in our hearts.

Phil. 2. 8.

Gal. 3. 13

Let us labour to be partakers with that thy Beloved One, that suffered Death upon the Cross to save us from all torments: had not he suffered Death upon the Cross for our sins, wee had been howling in hell this day; have wee not cause to love him? have we not cause to love him, that suffered Death upon the Cross, that cruel Death by the *Jews*? if wee should suffer never so much, wee could never suffer so much for him, as he did for us; Oh have we not cause to love him? let us lay down our lives for his sake, that laid down his life for us. What miserable creatures are we! so that our souls be not saved, wee never think of Christs sufferings for us; wee alwaies forget that, but wee must remember it, at the day of

Isa. 53. 10.

Judge.

Judgement the Lord will call us to an account
for all these things.

In the day when I make up my jewels, they shall be mine, saith the Lord Jehovah. Mal. 3. 17.

September the 17th,

Lord, as thou hast fed our bodies with temporal food, so feed our souls with spiritual food.

Lord, work thy Word with faith in our hearts, Heb. 4. 2. unless it bee written with thy Spirit, it is but a dead letter.

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and all things were made by him. Joh. 1. 1, 3.

Beware of Satan, that Serpent, that goeth about, and stands in corners to watch to vanquish my soul, but he cannot, he cannot touch it, he cannot enter in; labour to have the foundation of life, that he may not touch it, which foundation is an everlasting foundation, it will stand, it will never fail.

Let us labour for Christ; for the stronger we are in Christ, the weaker we are in this world; the stronger we are in this world, the weaker we are in Christ. 1 Cor. 1. 27

Let us labour to build our conversation upon the three corner-stones, which is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Ephe. 2. 20

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord Jehovah; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isa. 26. 3.

Lord, satisfy our unsatisfied hearts; for if a
man

Man had all the world, hee hath not enough,
 but he hankers, and hungers, and thirsts more
 after the things of the world; but when wee
 have Christ, Oh what can we desire more, what
 would we have more? Oh! what can a Chri-
 stians heart desire more, then that beloved One,
 that Jesus Christ? labour to have your founda-
 tion built upon that Holy One, that Holy
 One.

September the 29th.

Col. 3. 9. Take heed you lye not one to another, seeing you
 10. have put off the old man with his deeds, and have
 put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge
 after the Image of him that created him.

Be wise in all your doings, and bee ye pre-
 sent, be ye present before the eyes of the Lord:
 Oh feare the Lord, Oh feare the Lord, though
 you feare not men.

See that you serve the Lord above, with
 trembling and with feare: see that with reve-
 rence you rejoyce in him in like manner: Oh
 let us feare the Lord, that wee may live in his
 feare, and dye in his favour.

Oh that we had hearts to observe the Com-
 mandements of God: if we had but hearts to
 observe his Commandements, we should never
 run upon our own soules destruction as we do.

Labour to spend your time well in this
 world of abomination and sin; for it is but for
 a little moment: and labour to repent before
 the

the day of Death (for after the day of Death there is no repentance) lest you run head-long into hell fire to your own destruction for ever and ever. 1 Cor. 7.
29, 30, 31.
Luke 13.3.

Beware of Satan, that Serpent, and give not way to his assaults, but despise them, and flye back from them.

Let us labour for Christ, and let us hunger and thirst after him; for one glimpse of Christ is better than a 1000 worlds; for one glimpse of Christ will ravish a poor Christians heart: for when a Christian is drooping, and thinking that God hath forsaken him, then God out of his favour sheweth him one glimpse, and then goeth back again, and sheweth him but by glimpses and glimpses, to make him stick closer unto him, even as a star that lightens and darkens, and lightens and darkens, to make the light shine brighter. Can. 5. 10
Hos. 6.3.

Shee spake no more untill the sixth of October.

Come, my people, enter into my Tabernacle. Having spoken these words, she fell into an extraordinary fit of laughing and rirring heartily, six or seven several times, as she used to do in her best health, when shee was over-joyed with any thing, and soon after fell into a mourning, and (as it were) wept in her breast, and then shee spake the words following.

Beware of Satan, that Serpent, least he reign

in your hearts; for if he touch you, he will creep in and in, like a snail; and if he get hold, he will not be got out, unless Christ pull him off.

1 Joh. 2. 3. Let us labour to follow the commandments and Rules of our Heavenly Father. Oh, that we could but observe; and follow them: we should never have our hearts tyed to this world of abomination, and sin, as we have.

Joh. 7. 37. Come, all you that are thirsty, and drink of the water of life freely, and you shall never thirst again, saith the Lord.

Ecd. 9. 10. Let us labour to repent of all our sins before the day of Death; for after death there is no repentance: *As life leaveth us, so judgement findeth us.*

Luk. 5. 45. Let us labour to have our hearts tyed to that Beloved One, if we could but have our hearts tyed unto him, we should never run a stray like lost sheep, as wee do.

Twice she rejoiced and laughed very high, and then she said,

1 Pet. 1. 8. My Christ, my Christ, shineth before mee; Oh, have we not cause to rejoyce in him, that shineth so gloriously before us in white robes? Oh, trust in him, Oh, trust in him: Oh that glorious sight, the Son of my sweet father. Oh, let us labour to get faith, and let us never be without faith, that we may rejoyce in him for ever and ever.

Lord, pull back Sasan, that subtil Serpent, and

and chain him up Lord, and let him get no power over my poor soul, he a wailes malices, and troubleth, and perplexeth the Childe of God, but he can get no power over me; I do beleieve he cannot: I trust in thee, I trust in thee, for thou hast promised that thou wilt help mee in time of trouble, and in time of extremity; thou dost but suffer him to look in, to look in, to make me sick closer unto thee, and to detain me from this vain, wicked, transitory world, and from his assaults.

Eph. 6. 16.

31. 1. 11

Isa. 41. 10.

Lord, wash us, and cleanse us in the blood of thy only-begotten Son, that we may become pure Virgins of thine.

Rev. 7. 14

chap. 12. 4.

Psa. 139.

23, 24.

Lord, help us to examine our hearts, and look unto them, and search them to the bottome, and seek to the bottome to see if there bee no dross left in them; neither dross, nor sin remain in them.

1. 22. 14. M

Let us not think too well of our selves; for when a man thinketh he is in the highest condition, then hee is in the lowest; and when a poor doubting Christian thinketh hee is in the lowest condition, he is in the highest.

Rom. 12.

15.

1 Cor. 8. 1.

Phil. 1. 3.

Lord, humble our proud, haughty, ignorant, and rebellious hearts, that are not worthy to taste of the least mercy of thine. Oh let us be thankful for the least mercy that the Lord hath poured down upon us, and you shall see that he will pour down greater.

Then

Her Speeches.

Then she laughed very much, and clasped her arms several times and said:

Oh, let us hunger and thirst after the Holy One; let us never bee affrighted with Satans temptations; Though your sin be as Scarlet, they shall be as white as Wooll; and though they be like Crimson, they shall bee like Snow: if you consent and obey, you shall eat the good things of the land: but if you be stubborn and rebellious, you shall bee devoured with the Sword, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

October the 8th

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking roaring Lion, that goeth about to devour my poor soul; he watcheth and waiteth for every opportunity to get in, but he cannot. My Christ will tread him under foot, that hee can get no power of my poor soul.

There be many that say, Lo, here is Christ, and lo there is Christ, but there is no more crucified Christs, but one alone.

Oh let us rejoyce. Oh let us sing and rejoyce; for the thare is broken, and we are escaped as a Bird from the Fowler.

We are poor dry bones, Lord, breathe a spirit of life into us, that wee may become lively Saints of thine: For if thou breathest not the Spirit of life upon us, wee are but like dry bones that moulder away.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, who

whether they be sins of Omission or Commis-
sion, or sins of ignorance, or sins of know-
ledge, or sins of weakness, or sins of wilfulness,
or what sort of sins soever they be; Lord wash
us and cleanse us in the blood of thy Beloved
One, thy Son Jesus Christ: there is not one day
that goeth over our heads, but we sin every day
more and more.

Wee poor nothing Creatures; that are not
worthy to taste of the least mercy of thine; if
thou hadst not been a merciful and a pitiful
God, we had been all howling in hell-fire be-
fore this day, but thou shewedst pity, and com-
passion upon us, ~~unless~~ we had all been sunk in-
to that endless fire; but thou gavest us thy Be-
loved Son to redeem us out of that endless pit
of torment.

Let us draw comfort from Jesus Christ, even
as the Bee sucks honey from the flower; if the
Bee finde sweetness in one Flower, shee will
not flye away to another; even so, if we could
finde sweetness from Jesus Christ, we should
not flye away from him as we do; but we must
labour for it before wee can get it; for how
should the Bee get honey from the flower, un-
less in labour and suck for it? so how should we
get sweetness, and comfort from Jesus Christ
unless we labour for it?

The Birds of the air have nests, and the Foxes
have holes, but the Son of man hath not where to
lay his head.

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October the 9th.

Col. 3. 9. - Take heed you lye not one to another, for
 Isa. 63. 8. the Lord saith, *They are my children, such as will*
not lye.

Take heed you despise not Gods Ordinances; nor his Instruments that hee hath sent to preach his Word. God will but let you go on with your own delusions for a time, but there will come a Day of Judgement to try whether you be right or false: he that is the Judge of all Judges, is a true Judge, that will try whether you be right or false.

Ephc 4. 23. These stony hearts of ours Lord renew them
 24. with the knowledge and righteousness of Christ thy only begotten Son, in whom thou art well pleased.

Lord, quicken these thorny, dead, ignorant and carnal hearts of ours, that are so set upon the world, wherein there is nothing but vanity and vexation of Spirit: for what is a man better, if hee have all the world, and have not Christ? for he is alwaies hungry after more: for how can a round thing fill a three cornered? so this world cannot fill our hearts, nor give us satisfaction; why should wee bee so in love with this world? when we depart, we cannot take it with us, we must leave it behind us, wee must change either for a better life or a worse, either for a life of torment, or a life of joy.

Let

Let us labour to forsake sin, and live unto
righteousness, that we may have our conversati-
on built upon the Lord substantially: if it bee
built on soft ground, it will fall; but if it bee
built upon that substantial rock, it will stand
for ever.

Psa. 40. 17.
Mat. 7. 24.
to 17.

October the 10th.

Lord, renew us with thy Grace, that we may
be fit to come to the School of Christ, to learn
the lesson of faith.

1 Cor. 5. 17
Heb. 4. 2.

Lord, cast out the old man, that he may not
take root, that wee may become new livers; 8.
and when that old man is cast out, labour to
draw nearer and nearer unto Christ.

Rom. 6. 6,

Take heed you live not in a known sin, for if
you live in a known sin, and wallow in sins e-
ven as a sow doth wallow in the mire; it is
dangerous.

1 Pet. 2. 13

Lord, Lord, that which I know not, teach thou
me, and I will learn.

Job 34. 33.

Let us search the secrets of our hearts, least
there be any weeds scattered amongst them.

Psa. 139.
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Wait and be patient; whatsoever the Lord
pleaseth to lay upon you, as patient Job, in all
his afflictions he was patient. When one came
and told him; that all his children went to
feast at their elder Brothers house; and the
house fell upon them, he said, It is the will of
the Lord, why should not I be contented? The
Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be

Psa. 37. 7.
Job. 1. 18,
19.
Ver. 22, 23

Job 2. 9, 10

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the name of the Lord: and his wife came to him
 and bid him curse God and dye: then he said;
 Job 1. 14, 15, 16, 17. Oh thou foolish woman, shall we receive good at
 the hands of God, and shall we not receive evil?
 then there came another to him and told him
 that his Goods were all gone and devoured;
 yet Job was in the same minde that he was be-
 fore, and said, The Lord giveth, and the Lord tak-
 Job 19. 25, 26, 27. eth away, blessed be the name of the Lord: and
 Job was patient in all his afflictions, and was
 confirmed that his soul was precious in the sight
 of the Lord.

Lord, cast down Satan, that Serpent, and
 chain him up, that he may get no power over
 my poor soul.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, that
 are so blown up with the pride and vanities of
 this world, if we did but look into and examine
 our hearts, we should not please the flesh so as
 we do, but whilst we are in the flesh, we are apt
 Gal. 5. 17. to follow the lusts of the flesh.

Oh let us labour for that Holy One, that Ho-
 Mar. 13. 46. ly One, that Jewel, that precious Jewel, that
 Jewel of our Heavenly Father, that Jewel of
 all Jewels.

1 Cor. 3. 22. Oh what can a Christians heart desire more
 than a Christ, than a crucified Christ.

Oh if we can but gain Christ, we have all,
 we have all.

Oh that we had but hearts to conceive the

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preciousness, the sweetness, and holiness of that Beloved, that Christ.

Oh that we could but have Christ set upon our hearts aright. Gal. 4. 19.

Oh let us glorifie him in all things, all honour and glory be given unto him, to whom it belongeth.

October the 11th.

Lord, pull back that subtil Serpent, he is so subtil, that hee is alwaies seeking in corners to devour my poor soul, but hee cannot: my Christ is stronger than he: and when he seeth that hee cannot get power over the Childe of God, then hee goeth away murmuring and re-
viling.

Faith, Hope, and Charity, and the chiefest of these is Charity, Charity is Love, is Love in Christ. 1 Cor. 13.

Faith is a gift of Christ, and Hope is hope to gain Christ.

Oh let us pray for Faith and all other good graces that are necessary for us, and let us pray earnestly unto Christ, that he may pray for us in Heaven, and if he pray for us, we shall be sure to be heard. 1 Pet. 2. 5.

Let us cast our care upon the Lord, in all calamities: for hee hath bid us cast our care upon him, and he will care for us. 1 Pet. 5. 7.

October the 12th.

Come all you that are athirst, and drink freely of the Spring-well-water of life, and you shall never thirst again. Joh. 7. 37.

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My Christ hath pul'd back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to destroy my poor soul; but if God bid him be gone, he must be gone, my God will pull him off me, I hope; if you watch not to him as well as he watched to you, he will flatter and deceive you, as he would have done our Saviour Christ, if he had had that power, but hee had not that power.

Mat. 4. 5, 8, 9. When he set him upon the Pinnacle of the Temple, and shewed him all the King domes of the world, and the glory thereof; and said, All this will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Ver. 6. If we do not look unto his corners, he will get and command power over us, as he thought to have done over our Saviour Christ, when he said unto him, If thou be the Son of God; cause these stones to be made bread.

Isa. 29. 18. Lord open the eyes of the blinde, that they may see clearly into the errors of sin.

Depend upon the Lord in all your extremities and calamities, and when his appointed time is come, he will release you.

Cast your selves into those arms of love, and he will be your Saviour.

October the 14th.

She rejoiced very much, and then had an exceeding great and long conflict, and then she rejoiced again, and said,

My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to devour my

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poor soul, but he cannot, but hee cannot come
near in, my Christ is stronger than hee; my God
doth but let him step in, to make me relie more
upon him,

Lord, humble these proud, ignorant, and car-
nal hearts of ours, that we be not led away with
this world and the vanities in it, and let us not
taste of them; for if we taste of them, they will
enter into us more and more; if we could but
taste, of the sweetness of Christ, we shall be-
ed unto him more and more, and flye back
from the world and desire him more and more.

Then she had another great rejoycing fit, and
stretched out her arms, and said,

Let us stick close to that Holy One, and he
will stick close to us; but if wee sit loose from
him, he will sit loose from us.

Take heed of living in a known sin, for if you
live in a known sin, it is dangerous; for if you
live in a sin you know you are guilty of, it is
dangerous; O look back unto your selves, and la-
bour truly to repent, lest your sins be hardned,
and God turn his back of you, for if they once
be hardened, it is hard to get them off again.

Take heed you live not in known sins, as
drunkenness, lasciviousness, blasphemy, and
keeping of evil company, and all other vices;
labour to repent of them, and say, Lord, that
which I know not, teach thou mee, if I have done
iniquity, I will do so no more.

October the 15th.

Let us hunger and thirst after that Holy One, and not follow the vanities of this world, as we do, the vanities of this world of abomination and sin.

Let us labour to forsake sin and this world, and all things that are therein, and stick close unto Jesus Christ, that Holy One, and not be like the Swine that regard Acorns more than pearls.

Let us labour to have our conversations built upon the Lord stedfastly: let us labour to have our foundation of life built upon that substantial rock stedfastly, for if it be built upon sandy ground, it will fall; but if it be built upon that stedfast rock, it will stand for ever and ever.

Lord, pull back Satan, that Serpent, that goeth about to devour my poor soul; but hee cannot, he cannot, he cannot enter in, my Christ will give him no power.

1 Pet. 3. 24. Let us labour to forsake sin, and live unto righteousness, and truly repent of our former sins, which we have sinned, which we have committed formerly, let us truly repent of them.

Oh let us cry aloud unto the Lord, in the time of extremity and calamity, and hee hath promised that he will give ear unto us.

October the 16th.

2 Thes. 3. Oh let us trust in the Lord, for he is a trusty One, he is to be trusted: let us cast both our

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bodies and souls into the hands of that ever-
 living and glorious God; for he hath bid us to
 cast our care upon him; and he will care for us. 1 Pet. 5. 7
 If we should trust a carnal man that hath no
 care of his salvation, but of the trash of this
 world, hee is so greedy of it, and hungeth and
 thirsts after it, that hee thinks that that will
 make him; but the nearer we are to the trash
 of this world, the farther are wee off of God;
 if we could but hunger and thirst after the rich-
 es of Christ, wee should not hunger after the
 riches of this world, as we do not. Joh. 4. 14.

Oh that wee had hearts to conceive the
 Riches of Christ, from the Riches of this
 world; for wee think that the Riches of this
 world will be the making of us; but alas, alas,
 they will be the undoing of us, the misfortune of
 man is foolishness, but the wisdom of God is right-
 eousness. Prov. 3. 13, 14.
 Pl. 49. 17.
 Prov. 1. 32.
 1 Cor. 1. 20

October the 7th.
 Lords, Lord, wash us, and cleanse us in the
 purity of thy only begotten Son, in whom thou
 art well pleased, that wee may become pure
 Virgins of thine; for without wee bee in some
 part holy, as thou art holy, and in some part
 perfect, as thou art perfect, we can never enter
 into the Kingdome of God, into the Kingdome
 of Heaven. Rev. 7. 14.
 & 14. 4.
 1 Pet. 1. 16
 Mat. 5. 48.
 Heb. 12. 14

Resist the Devil and he will flye back from you:
 hee will go away murmuring and repining at
 you:

Joh. 13.2. you: take heed he enter not into your hearts; for if he do, he will leave corruption behinde him; even as a snail leaveth slime behinde it: so hee leaveth alie corruption of sin behinde him. The corruption of the Devil will shew itself; and the holy righteousness of God will shew itself; but there is a great deal of difference: for where the corruption of Satan remaineth, there is nothing but lasciviousness, blasphemy, lying, threatening, and keeping of evil company: but where the purity of Christ remaineth, there is upright dealing, righteousness and true holiness.

Eph. 5.18. Lord fill us with thy Spirit; Lord, endue us with the Spirit of Christ; for where the Spirit of Christ remaineth, there can no corruption enter in.

Rom. 8.10. Oh let us labour for the riches of Christ; for if a poor man that is never so poor, hath but the riches of Christ, he is accepted of God; for with the Lord there is no respect of persons.

Isa. 26.4. *Trust in the Lord Jehovah, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.*

Rom. 15. Let us labour for faith; the greater faith, the greater joy, faith is the beginning of wisdom: Heb. 11.33 it is the first thing that doth belong to a Christian. Oh if wee could but get faith, it would carry us above all; it would carry us from the lowest earth, to the highest heaven.

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Oh let us labour for Christ, that Holy One, Jer. 43. 20
by whom we live, move, and have our being.

Lord, sanctifie our un sanctified hearts, and Hof. 11. 12
keep us from dissembling; for if we dissemble
with man, we shall not dissemble with God: Psa. 139. 2,
there are many false hearts in this world, but
God knows them; God knows their coming in
and their going out, though hypocrisie bee hid
from man, it cannot bee hid from God: God
knows our thoughts, words, works, actions: The
heart of man is deceitful, but God can finde it out.

God knows every work we do, every word we
speak, every thought we think, and we must
answer for them one day: the Lord will call
us to an account at the day of Judgement: he is
a righteous Judge, he will judge righteously; if
we deal not uprightly with man, we shall not
deal uprightly with God.

Lord, soften these stony, ignorant, hard, and
carnal hearts of ours, Lord, mollifie them with
thy graces, with all thy gracious gifts, as faith
that we may be fit to enter into the Kingdome
of Heaven.

Oh let us bee patient, until the appointed
time of the Lord; he waits on us, but we can-
not be contented to wait upon him; we could
be contented to bee all our lives without affli-
ctions; but if wee should not know affliction,
we should not know comfort. We should be
so taken and blown up with comfort, that we
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should not know our selves, if we should not have discomfort mixt with comfort, wee should value it so much, that we should value the treasure more than the Creator.

October 12. about 4. a clock in the afternoon.

Mar. 7. 24. Let us labour to bee Followers of that Beloved One, hee that doth not the Will of my Father which is in Heaven, he is not worthy of the Lord.

Oh let us put off the rags of sin, and put on the robes of Righteousness, that we may be fit to enter into the Kingdome of Heaven.

Again, the same day about eight a clock she spake, and she did keep to that hour until Noon.

Narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that finde it; but wide is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that gather therein.

Heb. 7. 26. Oh let us labour for Christ, that Love, that

Joh. 10. 7. Dove, that undesired one, he is the door-keeper, with 3. & 9. he will lead us from the gates of hell unto everlasting life.

Lord, pull down those that have a minde to pull down thee, and raise up those that have a desire to raise up thee.

Lord, give us patience to wait upon thy time appointed; wee would bee all our lives without affliction, but is for our good; not for our hurt, but for our good; thou dost not cha-

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life us for our hurt, but for our good; for the Lord hath said, they are not my children, but bastards, whom I do not chastise. Oh why should not we wait upon him that waiteth alwaies upon us? why should not we be patient? but we are so naughty, and full of corrupt nature, that we cannot be contented to wait upon him till our Glas is run; he waiteth and watcheth over us every hour and minute: when the time appointed cometh, he can raise any of us up, even as he did the Maid, when he said, *Arise, and be whole, and she arose, and was healed.*

Heb. 12. 10
Vc. 9.

Mar. 7. 4.

Esa. 59. 1

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Oh why should we not be contented, for his arm is not shortned, nor his power diminished, therefore why should not we be contented?

In this world while we are in affliction, wee think it is miserable and grievous; but hereafter it will bee sweetned; while we are in affliction wee think it is miserable and grievous; but the Lord will sweeten it with the cup of mercy; the Patient must taste of a bitter potion before his stomach be cleared.

Oh let us labour to fear the Lord, that wee may live in his fear, and dye in his favour, for as we do, so we must look to be done by.

Mar. 7. 2.

October the 20th.

Children obey your Parents in all things, knowing that it is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Eph. 6. 1.

Oh let labour to have our wills melted into the will of that everliving and glorious God.

Mar. 26. 39.

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Mat. 11. 25.
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The secrets of God are hid from man, and his wayes are past finding out; but the Lord will reveal them to his children in some part when his time appointed is come.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, and endue us with the gift of Humiliation.

Oh let us labour to return thanks unto the Lord for all his mercies that hee hath poured down upon us; for the way of begetting more, is to return thanks unto the Lord, and to give reverence unto him; we reverence our earthly

Heb. 11. 9. Fathers, our natural Fathers, Oh why should not wee much more reverence our heavenly Father?

Oh let us labour to forsake this World, and all things that are therein; for there is nothing that is desirable.

Oh let us labour to stick close unto that holy One; for when all things in the World fail, he will never fail, he will stick close to us, when all things in this World decay and molcer away, he will be an everlasting rock.

Heb. 13. 5.
& 8.

Lord, open our blinde eyes, that we may see clearly the weakness of our selves, and the strength of Christ.

Oh let us labour to lead our lives and conversations well in this life; for as we do, so we must look to bee done by, if wee sove unto the flesh, vve shall reap corruption; but if vve sove unto the Spirit, vve shall reap life everlasting.

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October the 1st.

Let us labour to repent of all our sins which we have lived in formerly, which lieth unrepented of; for after the day of death there is no repentance; as life leaveth us, so judgement findes us. Gal. 6.8.

October the 2nd.

Oh let us cast our care upon the Lord, for he will care for us. hee hath promised to bee a father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widow. Eccl. 9. 10.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to devour my poor soul; but he cannot, my Christ will tread him under foot, that he can get no power over my poor soul. psa. 68. 5.

Lord graft thy word into our heads, and not only into our heads, but into our hearts also. We are poor Earth-worms, Lord, breathe into us the breath of life, that we may become lively Saints of thine. and that we may sing *Hallelujahs* with thee in the highest Heavens.

Take heed you lye not one to another, for if you go in that way, the Devil will take that occasion to pour in more corruption.

Lord, mollifie these hard hearts of ours with thy graces, they are so hardened with sin and corruption.

October the 24th.

Lord, open the eyes of the blinde, that they may

may see clearly the purity that is in Christ, and the corruption that is in themselves; they see and perceive not, they hear and understand not.

Lord, enrich our souls with thy graces, that wee may bee instruments to enrich the Kingdome of Heaven.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to destroy my poor soul; but hee cannot: my Christ will give him no power: he will not let him touch it. Hee doth what he can to get victory; but he cannot: my Christ will not let him. The devill maliceth the Children of God: hee is alwaies busiest about them, and flattering them; he is alwaies thinking to make them fear him, and flattering them and thinking to overcome them; but those whom God hath chosen, he will take them for his own; the poor doubting Christians, the devill is alwaies putting fears and doubts into them; but when he thinks they are in the lowest condition, they are in the highest; and when a man thinketh he is in the highest condition, he is in the lowest; when a poor doubting Christian thinketh he falls, he stands, and when a man thinketh he stands, he falls.

Lord, take away these hearts of stone, and renew us with hearts of flesh.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, that wee may not bee swallowed up with the vanities of this world; we are apt to be drawn

to the vanities of this world, and to flye backe from Christ. Ob what disobedient children are wee, that follow not the commands of so loving a Father: that which hee biddeth us to do, that we do not, and that which hee biddeth us not to do, that we do.

Tim. 4.

Oh let us labour for faith, for he that is faithful unto death, he shall enjoy the crown of life. I

Rev. 2. 10.

October the 1st.

Come my people, enter into thy chamber, shut the door upon thee, hide thy self for a little moment, until the indignation of the Lord be over-past.

Esa. 2. 10.

He that doth not the will of my Father, which is in Heaven, he do not marry of me, saith the Lord.

Mat. 10. 37.

Take heed you sow not good seed upon thorny ground, least the thorns spring up, and choke it.

Jer. 4. 30.

Mat. 13. 7.

My Christ hath pulled back Satan that lurking, roaring lion, which goeth about to devour my poor soul; hee maliceth my poor soul, and thinks to get the victory, but he cannot.

Oh let us labour to bee partakers with that Beloved One, that immaculate lamb of God that spotless lamb that laid down his life to take away the sins of the whole world.

1 Pet. 1. 19.

Joh. 1. 29.

1 Joh. 3. 2.

Oh let us labour for faith, that rich grace of our God; Lord, pour it down upon us; that is, that rich grace of eternity, that is the grace, by which we must either live or dye; without wee have that grace, wee shall never come to God,

God,

God, we shall never come to Christ. Oh let us labour for faith; Oh let us labour for faith; no faith, no Christ; no Christ, no salvation.

Mar. 3. 16. Lord, as thou hast fed our bodies, with temporal food, so feed our souls with spiritual food
 Acts 13. 9. that we may be able instruments to enrich the
 Rom. 15. 19 Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord, endue our spirits with the gift of humiliation: for the Spirit of God is an humble Spirit, a meek Spirit, a holy Spirit, a full Spirit, it acts powerfully, and breathes where it listeth.

Ps. 86. Trust in the Lord Jehovah, for in the Lord Jehovah is our everlasting strength.

Isa. 1. 18. Come my people, let us reason together, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool; though they be like crimson, they shall be as white as snow. if you consent and obey, you shall eat the good things of the Land; but if you be stubborn and rebellious, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

October the 26th.
 Joh 7. 39. Come, all you that are athirst, and drink freely
 and 4. 14. of the Spring well-water of life, and you shall never
 Rev. 22. 17 thirst again.

3 Pet. 2. 25 Oh let us labour to have our hearts tied to that immaculate Lamb, that we do not run away like a lost sheep into this world, as we do, wherein there is nothing but vanity and vexation of spirit.

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My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that labours to eclipse my comfort ; but he cannot, but he cannot, he cannot get no power ; hee maliceth the good of my poor soul, but he is never the nearer for that ; as much as he seeks to discomfort me, so much the more there is one above that comforts me.

The works of God are wonderful, and his ways past finding out ; the wisdom of man is foolishness, but the wisdom of God is righteousness. Rom. 11. 33.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, that they bee not blown up with the vanities of this world ; for wee are apt to become backsliders from that which is good, and to bee followers of that which is evil.

Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest, saith the Lord. Matth. 11. 28.

In the day when I make up my jewels, they shall bee mine, saith the Lord of Hosts. Mal. 3. 17.

October the 27th.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten ; bee zealous therefore and repent. Revel. 3.

Oh let us call upon the Lord in time of trouble, and he hath promised that he will hear us. Psal. 10. Luk. 18. 11.

Oh let us charge the Lord with his promises, &c. for he loveth to be charged with his promises, 11. 62. 63.

of his Children, and he will give more attentive ear unto them ; O let us wrestle with him, 7.

as Jacob did, when he said, *I will not let thee go* Gen. 32. until thou blest me : he would not have a denial 34. 26.

of God. I First,

First, he prepareth our hearts, that they may be capable of faith; then he worketh faith in them.

October the 28th.

Marth 7.

Ask, and you shall have; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door of Righteousness shall be opened unto you.

Marth. 12.
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They that do the will of my Father, they are my mother, sister, & brother, saith, my Saviour Christ.

Wee poor dry bones that moscer away for want of one drop of the dew of righteousness: we moscer away; we are so deeply drowned in sin: in the corruption of sin, that we cannot of our selves attain to the power to enjoy that sweet enjoyment of Eternity.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking roaring lion that goeth about to eclipse the spiritual comfort of my poor soul; but he cannot, but he cannot; my Christ hath made a wall, and hee cannot enter the wall, he cannot cast it down.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that *Love*, that *Dove*, that *Undeiled One*, that *Holy One*, by whom we live, move, and have our being; he is *All in All*, perfect without imperfection.

Oh let us labour for the sweet enjoyment of Eternity; where there is comfort without discomfort, joy without sorrow; and where all tears

Rev. 21. 4. *are wiped away from our eyes*, and bottled up.

Oh let us labour to attain to that eternal weight of glory; where there is nothing but joy

joy and rejoycing, mirth and melody, and singing *Hallelujahs* with the Lord in the highest Heavens. Plal. 58. 8.
1 Cor. 14.
17.

Children, obey your parents in all things, knowing that it is well pleasing unto the Lord; for the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience. Eph. 1. 6.
with 3. 6.

October the 29.

No man can come to Christ, except the Father draw him. John 6.

Lord, endue us with those rich graces of thine, as Faith, which is the richest of all; we are so benumbed with sin, luke-warm, and key-cold, that we cannot apprehend them to make a right use of them. 1 Pet. 1. 1.
& 1 Pet. 1.
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Oh let us labour for Christ; for when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with him in glory.

We poor, miserable, and wretched creatures that have sinned against thee every day more and more; if thou hadst not been a pitiful and merciful God, wee had before this been sunk into the endless pit of torment, but thou hast shewed pity and compassion upon us, in giving us thy only begotten Son to redeem us from that endless pit of torment. Lam. 3.
John 3. 16.
17.

Mortifie therefore your members which are upon the earth, as fornication, adultery, blasphemy, and covetousness, which is Idolatry. Col. 3. 5;

My Christ hath cast down Satan, that lurk-

Gen. 13. 15 ing, roaring lion, that thinks to get the upper
 Rom. 16. hand over my poor soul; but I hope, nay I am
 20. sure, that there is one above that will defend
 mee from him; he hath promised that he will
 tread him under foot.

Luk. 16. 25 The godly have their torments here, but
 the wicked shall have their torments for ever
 hereafter.

Take heed of Satan, for he is very subtil; for there is more danger when he cometh in white, like an Angel of light, than when he cometh in black, like a Blackamore.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that Holy One,
 Pla. 37. 25. for he will never suffer the righteous to be forsaken, nor their seed to beg their bread.

October the 30th.

Mat. 24. There be many that say, lo, here is Christ, and
 23. lo, there is Christ; but there is no more crucified Christs than one alone.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins which wee have sinned against thee, of what sort soever they be. Lord, wash us and cleanse us in the blood of thy only begotten One: oh

Ila. 27. 3. what disobedient Children are we that are so
 Psal. 121. rebellious against thee! Good Lord, pardon

3. 4. us, that we should be so disobedient to so loving a father that hath alwayes an eye over us, and watcheth over us every day and night, and continually; that which thou biddest us to do, that wee do not, and that which thou

biddest

biddest us not to do, that we do; but alas,
alas, the greater is our judgement.

October the 3rd

Cast your care upon the Lord, for he careth for you; and let not your care bee upon the world; it will be never the better for you, but a great deal worse; for while we are better, if we gain the whole world, and lose our own souls, and bee cast into hell forever.

Oh let us labour to be partakers of the immaculate Lamb. Oh what a sweet thing it is to bee partakers of that immaculate Lamb. Oh it would savish a Poor Christians soul; Oh let us labour for him; if we lose him we lose all.

Lord, humble these proud and ignorant hearts of ours, that they be not puffed up, and blown up with the pride of this world; for God knoweth there is many of them; but Lord, teach them to know themselves, that they may live to please thee, and not to live in thy displeasure.

Oh let us knock at the door of righteousness, until Christ Jesus that immaculate Lamb of God be pleased to open to us the door of faith.

Lord, purifie these drossie hearts of ours, that we may become pure Virgins of thine, & leave them without dross, or sin remaining in them.

Lord, restrain those that go about to corrupt those instruments which thou hast sent

November the 1st

Lord, purifie these drossie hearts of ours, that we may become pure Virgins of thine, & leave them without dross, or sin remaining in them.

Lord, restrain those that go about to corrupt those instruments which thou hast sent

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to preach out thy holy Word in thy Congregations: it is requisite that offences should come, but we be to them by whom they come.

Mat. 11. 12. *Let us labour to gain the Kingdom of Heaven, and struggle, and strive for it; for it is not gained with a little adoe, but Heaven is won by violence, and all violent take it by force.*

Lord, enrich these poor fainting souls of ours with thy graces, that we may become able instruments to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

November the 3.

Lord, endue us with thy rich graces, as faith, which is the richest grace of all; but our hearts are so stony, that we cannot apprehend them aright, to make a right use of them; but make them of a fit temper, that we may have our wills melted into the will of that everlasting, ever-living, and glorious Lord our God; that we may lie at the feet of that immaculate Lamb of shine, until those two arms of love be pleased to take us up into the Throne of Heaven.

Ephes. 6. *Put on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against all the wiles of the Devil.*

Mich. 6. 3. *Labour to take notice of that ever-living and glorious Lord our good God, and of all his mercies that he hath been pleased to pour down upon us; for if we take notice of him, he will take notice of us, both of all our needs and necessities, and necessary things, both temporal and spiritual; for if we sit loose from him, he will sit loose from us.*

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November the 4th.

Oh let us labour to repent of all our sins Gen. 35. 3
which we have lived in formerly, and call to Psal. 136.
mind what the Lord hath done for us in di- 23, 24
stresses. When we were in the hands of our e-
nemies; hee hath preserved us from the hands
of our enemies; for if we were as we should be,
wee should bee thankful every hour of a day;
but God knoweth wee are far short.

Good Lord, refine us even as silver and gold
is refined, and make us without spot or blemish, Zach. 13. 9
even as thy spotless Lamb, and cloathe us
with the righteousness of him.

November the 5th.

He that knoweth the will of his father, that is
in Heaven, and doth it not, shall be beaten with Luk. 14. 17
many stripes.

Lord, renew these stony hearts of ours, and give
us hearts of flesh.

Lord, open our blinde eyes, that we may see
clearly the errour of sin, and the purity that
is in Christ, and the corruption that is in our
selves.

We poor, miserable and wretched creatures,
Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, that
wee have committed against thee, and wash
them away in the blood of that thy Beloved
One, and leave us without spot or stain re-
maining in us.

November the 6th.

The works of God are wonderfull, and his
wayes past finding out.

Eph. 6.5. Servants, obey the will and command of your
Masters, which are upon the earth, knowing that
you have a Master in Heaven.

Oh let us call upon the Lord in the time of
extremity and calamity, and he hath promi-
sed to give ear unto us.

November the 8th.

Psal. 50. Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will
hear you, and you shall glorifie mee.

O Lord, endue us with thy graces, that we
may be fit to come to the School of Christ, to
learn the lesson of faith.

Zach. 12. Let us labour for that Beloved One; for if
wee have him, wee have all; if wee want him,
we want all: hee will stand unto us, when all
will fall down; all things are but dross and
dung in comparison of him.

O labour to repent of all your sins: but you
must first lay the ground-work of faith and then
truly repent, and return home unto the Lord.

Oh let us cry aloud unto the Lord in the
time of necessity, and he hath promised to give
ear unto us.

Psal. 22. 1. Cast your care upon the Lord, for he careth for
you; in the time of extremity and calamity,
when all helpers in the world fail, he will be
Rom. 1. 28 your greatest help of all; he must do it or none.

Oh let us labour to fear the Lord, that wee may live in his fear, and dye in his favour.

Come unto me all ye that are weary, and beare your laden, and I will give you rest. O what sweet promise is this, if we had but hearts to apprehend it aright! but our hearts are so stony, and so full of corruption, that it can take no effect; but Lord mollifie them. Mat. 11. 28.

November the 9th.

Oh let us call to mind what the Lord hath done for us, and not bee like the natural man that looketh his face in the Glass, and presently forgetteth what manner of man he was. James 1.

Oh let us labour and take pains for that well beloved One, and labour to stick close unto him; for if we lose him, we lose all; and if wee gain him, wee gain all. Phil. 3.

Oh let us labour to set our affections on the things that are above, and not on the world, wherein there is nothing but vanity and vexation of spirit.

Oh let us labour to wait, and be patient until his appointed time, for his time is the best time.

My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lurking roaring Lion, that goeth about to devour my poor soul; but I hope he hath nothing to do with me, I hope my God will own me for his own, he is always malicing and perplexing the Children of God, to make their journey uncomfortable, and thinketh that if hee get not victory

victory then, hee shall never get victory.

Come all ye that are thirsty, and drink freely of the Spring-well-water of life, and you shall never thirst again.

Lord, Lord, endue us with thy graces, that we may become lively Branches in thy Vineyard; prune it, dress it, and water it, and look to it, that nothing hurt it, nor harm it.

Oh let us labour for faith; for they that are faithful until death, shall receive a crown of life.

Lord, satisfie these unsatisfied hearts of ours; for if a man hath all the world; hee thinketh that hee hath not enough; but when hee hath Christ, then he is fully satisfied. Ah, what can a Christian heart desire more than a crucified Christ, than a naked Christ? what can a Christian heart desire more? he is the Jewel of all Jewels, he is the upright One.

Labour to deale faithfully in all things; for as you do, so you must look to be done by; if you sow to the flesh, you shall reap corruption; but if ye sow to the Spirit, you shall reap life everlasting.

Lord, endue us with thy graces, and set them aright upon our hearts, but they are so benumbed, luke-warm, and key-cold, that we cannot apprehend them to make a right use of them; but Lord, make them of a fit temper.

O let us labour for Christ, that Love, that Dove, that Undeiled One, that laid down

his

his life to pardon the sins of all the Elect.

November the 10th.

Lord, forgive and pardon all our sins, whether they be sins original or actual, sins of weakness or wilfulness, sins of omission or commission, sins of ignorance or of knowledge, scarlet sins or crimson sins, or sins of a double die, or what sort of sins soever they be; Lord, wash them and cleanse us in the blood of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, in whom *psal. 90. 1.*
alone thou art well pleased.

O let us labour for Christ, that habitation, in whom we live, move, and have our being.

Ask, and you shall have, knock, and it shall be opened to you, and the door that leadeth to everlasting life shall be opened unto you. Faith, Hope, and Charity, the greatest of those three is Charity. Charity is love, and the love of Christ; Faith is a gift given of Christ; and Hope is a hoping to enjoy Christ.

Now, Lord, of thy merciful promise, let thy poor doubting Christian feel some dram of assurance to this poor soul: let a poor sinner feel one dram of thy assurance of thy love to her doubting soul.

O let us suck sweetness from Jesus Christ, as the Childe sucks Milk from the Mothers breast; the harder wee draw, the more wee shall get; the Childe wrangles and wrangles till the Mother gives it the pap in the mouth, and

and then it's quiet and satisfied: so, and there shee stayed a good space, going oft over with the word (so) before shee could get any more words; at last, shee said, so a poor soul seeks and knows not what it wants, and wrangles, and wrangles till it get Christ; all the world will not satisfie it, but (and then shee lifted up her self, and struck her hand upon her thighs with much fervour of spirit) when it gets Christ, then it is satisfied, (and then using the same actions again, said,) when it gets Christ, then it is abundantly satisfied; all the world will not satisfie him, but Christ will give him full satisfaction.

1. Cor. 12.9

November the 11th that of heaven

Psal. 37. 3. Be ye holy, even as Christ is holy. Be ye holy, and am holy, saith the Lord.

Psal. 34. 22. and 37. 7. Heb. 11. 19. 32. 35. 36. Trust in the Lord; trust in the Lord, trust the Lord with all that you have; for he hath promised, that he will provide for them that trust in him, and keep you from evil.

Lord, renew us with that rich grace of faith; it will carry us above, it will carry us from the lowest earth, to the highest heaven; we are not in the lowest earth, here we are but in the middle earth; but faith will carry us from the lowest earth, to the highest heaven. Lord, teach us to walk in thy paths, and teach us the way that leadeth to everlasting life.

November

November the 12th.

No man can come to Christ; unless the Father John. 6.
draw him: so that he that of himself will come to Christ

Take heed you lye not one to another, for if
you give way to that sin, the Devil will take
that occasion to pour in more corruption.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that holy One; ^{1 John 5.}
wanchim, & want all; & have him, and have all. ^{13,}

November the 14th.

Take heed you lye not one to another, for the ^{Isa. 63. 38.}
Lord saith, They are my Children, such as will
not lye, and I will bee their Saviour.

Trust the Lord, trust in the Lord; for he is a
trusty One, he is to be trusted; trust the Lord
with your self, and all yours, and he will watch
over you for good, & keep you from evil; for he
hath promised, that those that trust in him, shall ^{Psa. 125. 1}
be as Mount Zion, which shall never be moved.

November the 15th.

Hee that knoweth the Will of his Father
which is in Heaven, and doeth it not, shall be
beaten with many stripes.

Oh let us not be forgetful of those mercies ^{Psa. 102. 1}
which the Lord hath been pleased to pour
down upon us, but be thankful for them, and
prize them highly, for if wee had a thousand
hearts, and a thousand hearts, we could never
be sufficiently thankful: the mercies of God are
to be esteemed, and highly esteemed of: there is
many a poor Christian, many a poor creature,
which

which would bee glad to have those mercies which we daily and hourly enjoy; they are so common that wee do not esteem of them: but alas, alas the greater is our judgement.

November the 16th.

Hab. 2. 5.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, lest we betake our selves to this vain world, and so run head-long into Hell to our own souls destruction.

Let us labour and take pains for that immaculate Lamb of God; for he will never see the righteous forsaken, nor their seed begging bread.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that holy One; for, *when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we appear with him in glory.*

Isa. 33. 17.

Lord, open our blinde eyes, that we may see clearly the purity that is in Christ, and the corruption that is in our selves.

November the 19th.

Lord, purge and purifie these drossie hearts of ours, and refine them, even as silver and gold is refined, that wee may become pure Virgins of thine.

O let us labour and take pains to inherit the Kingdome of Heaven, where there is nothing but mirth and melody, joy and rejoycing, joy without sorrow, comfort without discomfort, where all tears are wiped away, and bottled up.

November

November the 20th.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that holy One; Gal. 4. 19.
he is all in all, perfect without imperfection; Rev. 2. 17.
have him and have all; want him and want all;
all things are but dross and dung in comparison of him.

Oh let us labour to have the Name of Christ
set aright upon our hearts; that it might make
a deep impression, that it might take effect to
work effectually.

Oh let us labour to have our conversation
built upon that substantial rock stedfastly; for
if it be built upon sandy ground, it will fall,
but if it be built upon that substantial rock,
it will stand for ever.

November the 21th.

Trust the Lord, for hee is a trusty One, he is
to be trusted; he hath promised that *those that*
trust in him shall stand as Mount Zion, that shall
never be removed, but abideth for ever.

Oh let us wait and be patient until the appointed time of the Lord, for his time is the
best time: For *he that shall come will come, and* Heb. 10.
will not tarry. 37.

Take heed that you sow not good seed on
thorny ground, lest the thorns spring up and
choake it.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, lest
we be blown up with this world, and the vanities thereof; if we could but feel one dram
of

of the sweetness of Christ, wee should not give way to the vanities of the world as we do, but while we are in the flesh, wee are apt to follow the lusts of the flesh; if we could be so sensible of the sweetness of Christ, and apprehend it aright, we should bee taken up so with Christ, and with the sweetness of him, that we should not be so carried away with the vanities of the world, but we should give up our selves to Christ, and make him our habitation.

The same night about 12. a clock.

Shee had great extremity of pain, and as is conceived, would gladly have spoken, making signs that her heart was in Heaven, (as was thought by those who were present with her) for shee pulled at her breast several times, and held up her hands as high as shee could reach, looking up with her eyes; and then after a short space, shee spake, and said,

Me is not in the hand of mine enemy, but in the hand of my loving Father; he is an ever-living, ever-loving, and glorious Lord God, he is a wise God, and he will not give his children one lash more than hee sees good for them.

After this shee spake no more until the 8th. day of *December*, which was the day after the Lord had graciously given her the use of her Senses and of her Understanding.

To close up the second Part of the Narrative, I shall add this, that some of these Speeches

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she uttered (though but few of them will need such Apology) in weakness, as a Child under such strange distempers, as did somewhat confuse and perturb her Intellectuals; but other things she uttered through the strength of the Spirits assistance extraordinarily guiding her tongue to utter such things, as now she cannot tell that ever she did speak them. There be some things oft repeated; yet because either they are uttered with some variety, and were things that it seems the heart was much carried forth to mention; therefore I have set them down, and hope they will not be tedious, but may raise up further thoughts of them, when you read them over again, and compare them with the Scriptures in the Margin; and if you knew the state of the Family, and the condition of some that came occasionally to hear her, you would say; *Exod. 12.4* there was a divine hand that guided her tongue; and that God was with her mouth, adapting her speeches to their necessities.

And I suppose her heart was more affected with some truths before this ill fit, and of those things she makes the most frequent mention: But whilst I am Apologizing for her Reiterations some may tax me for Omissions; some have said, that she prophesied, and no such passages are here related; to which I answer, there is no ground for such a report: there is one passage related in one of her speeches, *Job. the 1. 9th*

about raising of the Maid, unless they fancy this to be a Prophetick fore-telling of her Recovery. I know not any thing uttered by her, nor could upon enquiry hear of any thing that might give ground for such a report; but the truth is, such reporters (I hear) do some of them expect to have the gift of Miracles, and it may bee of prophesying, &c. seemed to be much taken with Gods dispensations to this Childe, hoping it would have conduced something to the promoting of their Cause, but are disappointed; for God hath opened the mouth of a dumb Childe to confute their follies. It may be they prophesied, that shee would prophesie, and so have proved themselves to bee false Prophets.

My hearts desire and prayer to God shall be, that these speeches may take as deep impression upon the hearts of the Readers, as they did upon her body, who was the Speaker. God was pleased to hold her upon the Rack for so many weeks, nay months, in which she endured grievous torturings, and yet to enable her to speak such things, surely so extraordinary a Teacher, requires more than ordinary attention. When *Jonah*, who had been so close a student in the Whales belly-Colledge, came to preach to the *Ninevites* the strangeness of the relation concerning the Preacher, might make his Sermons take more with them; shall not they rise in judgment against the men of this generation? some

it may be (with Pharaohs South-sayers) will acknowledge the finger of God is in this, when his whole hand is visible: but if men sleight such dispensations, no wonder: for if they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one raise them from the dead. God indulged to the Israelites (its thought) to enjoy them Ceremonies of his devising, to prevent their use of, or hankering after such as were of mans devising: God seems to indulge to the weakness of some in such extraordinary actions of his Providence (in this Instance, and a few others which might be mentioned;) but if the Father of the Family take all this care, and yet men are not contented with his established Institutions, but they are finding out new inventions, God will certainly correct this wantonizing humour: It argues, our stomachs are foul and crazy, when wee must have new dishes every meal, and cannot feed upon the standing dishes of Gods Ordinances: the King of Saints will not be thus affronted, but level and discharge the Ordinance of his power against those that disclaim the Ordinances of his Grace. But I hope, through the pourings out of the Spirit, many shall be so wise as to observe these things, and to profit by ordinary and extraordinary dispensations; and surely, *They shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord.*

Exod. 8:19

Luk. 16: ult

Eccl. 7:19

Zac. 14:16
17, 18, 19.

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*The third part of the Narrative; contain-
 ing the wonderful recovery of this
 Childe of Wonders.*

MAny daies have been set apart in the fa-
 mily to seek the face and favour of God
 on the behalf of this afflicted Childe; which
 Duties her Parents (as Obed-Edem the Ark
 were forward to entertain (as at other times
 so) in now this their afflicted condition. They
 have had much experience that God was
God bearing prayer, and therefore would not be
 beaten off from these (now alas, too much
 neglected) means, from which they had sucked
 much sweetness, having found God sometime
 marvellously helping of them till they were
strong in the power of his might, but always help-
 ing them with a little help, and bearing up
 their spirits under the tryals, though they did
 not obtain a full enlargement: and when once
 told the Father of this Childe, that the Room
 was not able to bear so many as came to see
 God in those duties; he replied, The more, the
 better, so that those who come, can pray and
 beleeeve.

But yet the Lord in wisdom seemed com-
 to bee as one astonished, as a mighty man the

Chro. 26
 15.
 Dan. 11. 34

Jer. 14. 9

cannot save, the Childes distempers of body growing more violent, shee having most terrible crying fits (by reason of her extream pain, which crying fits continued till shee vomitted blood, and then she was quiet) which were very grievous and afflictive to the spirits of all that heard her; and the whole Family so continually under sadnesse, and their sleep so broken, that you might have seen *Every one with their hands upon their loins, as a woman in travel, and all faces turned into paleness.* Which dealings of the Lord with that Family did serve to awaken them to a more solemn way of seeking his face, and it was judged, that it was his purpose to have his providential dispensations in relations to this Childe more publicly taken notice of, that so they might not bee hid in a corner, but many might behold his glorious goings, and bear witness thereof unto the world, when hee should finish his work upon her: therefore her Parents did write and speak to several Ministers of his Word (two of which have prefixed Epistles to this Narrative) and a Day was fixed to bee set apart for humiliation, of which many precious servants of God, had notice, which was the ninth day of *November*: In which Day the Company being met at Mr. *Hatfield's* house, and the work entered on, but the Childe was observed by such as did attend her to bee somewhat un-

Jer. 32.6

Novem. 9.
1652.

quiet; the reason whereof they know not; only a thought came in, that if shee were brought in the Room where the Company was assembled, that then shee might possibly bee quiet; wherefore her Maide brought her in her arms, where she continued quietly all the time we were at the duty, not once interrupting us, and the eye did serve to affect the heart, and to help them to wrestle with God more affectionately: this passage is the more wonderful; because (so far as could be rationally judged) she did neither hear or see or know any body; and so wee knew not how shee should understand there was such a work in hand, unless the Lord should hint it to her (as hee did many of her Speeches, if not all) and indeed, some of her Speeches the night before and night after the Duty was concluded, do import such a thing. See her Speeches *November* the eighth where she quotes that, *Psal. 50. 1. 5.* and suitably to that she added after, O let us cry aloud unto the Lord in the time of necessity, and he hath promised to give ear to us, which word did strongly call upon us to cry mightily unto the Lord. There are many other passages that might which I refer the Reader to; and wee took them as messages sent from heaven to quicken our hearts in the duty; there was one passage that night, viz. her fourth speech about repentance and faith, whereby she did direct us how

to order our humiliation, as desiring they might be Evangelical, nor Legal; the fruits of faith, not of slavish fears; she would have us look on Christ, and then mourn; believe, and then repent; and when the duty was concluded November the ninth, at her usual time she uttered several passages; wherein we might observe God exceedingly ordering of her words, at the first speech that night, and the fourth, and the seventh, and especially the ninth, which was an admirable caution given unto us.

Now to return, that which was (in relation to the Childe) set upon our hearts particularly to ask of God, was this, that he would please to quiet her spirit, ease her of her pain, so that the ears of her dear Relations might not be filled with such doleful cries, nor their hearts with those fears and amazements, whereby they were much unfitted to act Faith, or do any duty to God or man; we were in sadness and faintings, oppressing and overwhelming their spirits; and in this the Lord was pleased graciously to answer the desires of his poor Servants through the intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ, which we had notice of at our next meeting, and did desire to improve it, taking it as a Pledge that God would do more for us, and own us in our Attendants upon him in his own way.

At the end of that Day of Humiliation, a

Motion was made that we might continue once a month (at least) to seek God until he should be pleased to come with *healing under his wings*. Those that were engaged in that work, living at a great distance from one another, we could not well meet oftner than once a month, and with that resolution we parted, waiting to see what the Lord would do for his Servants in that Family, whose condition God did very much assist those who were engaged in that Duty, to bear upon their hearts continually, with much tenderness. The time appointed for the next Day of Humiliation was, as I remember, *December 9.* next ensuing.

But the Lord ordered things so, that the Childe grew exceeding weak, not being able to speak from the 21 of *November*, any more (as was before noted) so that her friends did think that God was coming to finish his work, and her time of warfare here in the body.

Wherefore her Father dispatcht messages to the Ministers and Christians to meet and keep a Day of Humiliation on Thursday *December 2* (a week sooner than we thought of) and accordingly we met on that day, and found her very weak (so that shee was not brought into the Room, where we performed the Duties of the Day.) That which (amongst other things, as particularly relating to her) was desired of God, was, that God would manifest his power

in enabling her to speak again, that so, whilst she lived, she might be useful and instrumental for his glory; her Speeches having been very powerful upon the hearts of many (wee hope, to the conversion at least, convicting of some, and the edification of most that heard them;) God was also very earnestly intreated (with many arguments which his Spirit suggested) to raise her up, that his perfecting his work, might have perfect praise; and his work might be cleared to the conviction of slanderous tongues, and the further comfort and satisfaction of the hearts of his people; the day being finished, we departed to our Homes, desiring to submit, and wait the Lords leisure, and (if she lived) to continue seeking of him; But behold, God was better to us than we could think, and when we had scarce faith to believe what he had (in some measure) set our hearts a work to ask (upon the ninth of *December*, the Day which formerly, as I noted, we had agreed together to have sought God for her, but did perform the duty a week sooner; I say upon that Day) we had (as real Testimony of her Fathers thankfulness to God, and real respects to us) the joyful news of her Marvellous recovery transmitted to us, which take as followeth.

Mr.

Mr. Hatfield his faithful Relation of the Lords
 Work, in recovering Abigail Martha Hatfield
 his Daughter out of her great afflictions, which
 was by him sent unto the Ministers, who had
 sought God for her upon the second of Decem-
 ber, 1654.

MORE Works of Wonder from Heaven,
 which may reach us, and all that hear
 of it, to depend upon the Lord in the duty of
 Prayer and Fasting. Since the second of Decem-
 ber (in which day many sweet Petitions were
 put up to the Lord on the behalf of this Child)
 we have perceived some Symptomes that God
 was restoring her understanding, as upon the
 fifth and sixth dayes of December, shee would
 have givoff notice, and signes of that (which
 she had not given signes of before since about
 Mid-April: and upon the seventh of Decem-
 ber between five and six a clock at night, is plea-
 sed God to open her teeth, being shut since
 the eighth day of September, (as I noted be-
 fore) she yawned, and tryal was made, and were
 found her mouth opened, and then shee took
 food without spilling; After one hours space
 she knew her youngest Sister, being about four
 years of age, who used to lye by her, and be very
 fond of her, and would be oftentimes kissing of
 her; and soon after she knew her Mother, & re-
 joyced to see her, with laughing and stroaking
 her face, and clasping her arm about her neck;
 and

and then her Father came, and asked her, if she knew him? and after a while (for her eyes were yet somewhat dim) shee did the like to him, holding up her hands together, as if she would desire him to pray for her, and she did the like to her Mother. And we plainly discovered that God had restored at that instant the senses of Hearing, Seeing, Smelling, and Handling; for when we called her by her name, she had an expression, whereby we perceived she heard us; as also that she saw us; and there was a pair of sweet Gloves, and we had her smell at them, & she put them to her nose several times, and she had at that time much use of her hands, which she had not before. And her Mother came to her again, and said, What hath the Lord done for thee? art thou not willing to give God all that he hath given thee, thy Life, Understanding, and all thy Senses, and Heart, and all? and she manifested her self by signs, that she was chearfully willing so to do, by holding up her hands, and lifting up her eyes with smiling, and plucking at her heart divers times, and then lifted up her hands as high as she could reach, as though she would give God her heart, and all; and about nine a clock she knew her Sister *Hannah*, and her Grand-Mother, the Wife of *Mr. George Westby*, a Gentleman well known in the North and South (a very godly Gentlewoman) and she did express the same by laughing

ing and stroaking their faces, and closing of her hands to her Grand-Mother, as if shee desired her to pray for her.

Then shee went to bed, and God gave her reasonable good rest and sleep; the next morning being the 8th. of *December*, shee had four or five sick fits, her body, face, and lips, being very much swelled; but when shee was better, the swelling did fall again at an instant; and then alwaies she held up her hands and eyes, seeming to praise God; and all the afternoon shee played with some odd toys and Spice, which Neighbours had brought her, which she had in a little Basket, until betwixt five and six a clock at night, and then she fell into a stiff fit, yet without any appearance of the Convulsions before (as it had been formerly with her) and then shee spake, as shee used to do in a stiff fit, and said,

Oh let us wait and bee patient until the appointed time of our wise God; for his time is the best time. *And he that shall come, will come and will not tarry, and the just shall live by Faith; but if any draw back, my soul shall take no pleasure in them.*

Hab. 2.

Let us labour for Christ, that Holy one, by whom we live, move, and have our being, he is all in all; O trust in him, and beleive in him, for all things, trust in him, fear him, and love him, for

Rom. 8.28

he hath promised; *All things shall turn to the good*

good of them that love him, and delight in him.

Oh let us labour for faith, for he that is faithful unto the death, shall receive a crown of life.

She spake all these sentences with much fervency, lifting up her hands, and shaking her head; she continued in this stiff fit about a quarter of an hour, and then she came to her self; and her Mother being set upon the bed by her, she laughed, and rejoiced, and said,

Mother, ah Mother, how do you? * Ah my dear Childe (said her Mother) how dost thou? she answered, me is pretty well, I praise my God. O Mother, love God, love him; Oh get faith, get faith: her Mother said, so I have need.

It is observable (though I did not so note it before) that one of the last things she spoke of, before God took away her understanding and senses, was to stir up her Mother to get faith, & that would carry her above all difficulties, and now she begins with pressing that counsel again, which her Mother desires to make special use of, and the Lord help her to do so.

Her Mother further said to her, Ah Childe, thou hast been a Preacher of Righteousness, and taught us the way to Heaven. The Childe answered, have I? have I? me cannot tell, I can do nothing of my self; it was not mee, it was the Spirit of God in me. I am nothing but a poor Earth-worm, and me hath nothing in mee but what my God giveth me; for mee is

nothing but Dust and Ashes: and she spake all this evening after, and answered any Question (that was put to her) very sensibly, and was carried to bed; and hath had a very quiet nights sleep; she said this morning, being the ninth of *December*, she never waked till that time, which was about seven a clock.

The Lord bee praised for his marvellous Works, for they are wonderful in our eyes.

Thus I have given you a true Relation of things since our meeting before God in her behalf, whereby it is very apparent, that the Lord hath heard and answered the Petitions of his people, and that the *Sun of righteousness is risen with healing under his wings.*

Mal. 4. 2

The glory of the Lord bee advanced with much thankfulness for all, and of all; and more especially of you, who sent out the Dove that returned at last with the Olive Branch in her mouth.

The Coppy of this Relation I received the ninth of *December*, when the Officers and members of the Church of Christ in *Sheffield*, were met at a private Conference, and I read over this Relation to them, which caused many tears of joy, and their hearts were mightily ravished with the appearances of God in this business; and as they had prayed for her, so did they then return praise to him.

Upon the 15. day of *December*, I did go to visit

visit her, at which time did visit her the Lady
Lambert, as also Colonel *Bright* and his Lady,
who were much affected with the wonderful
Works of God, which were so evident upon
that Childe: when I came thither, I met with
the Ministers, with whom I had joyned in seek-
ing to God for her, though I little thought of
meeting them there at that time: but so God
mercifully ordered it, that wee might agree
upon a day to call the Company together, who
had joyned in seeking Gods face, then to exalt
his glorious Name, who had wrought such
Wonders in that Family, and wee agreed to
keep the 28. Day of *December*, as a Day of
Thanksgiving for what God had done; but the
Lord knowing our dulness and weakness, before
the Day came, did cast in further mercies, that
so wee might bee quickened to make his praise
more glorious, as you will see in the subse-
quent Relation, which I received from Mr.
Hatfield, whose fidelity and consciencious
walking is well known in the Countrey, and
therefore his Testimony the more worthy cre-
dence.

The ninth of *December* the Childe lying in
a Trundle-bed, at her Mothers beds-feet; her
Mother (when shee awaked) asked her what
a night she had: she replied, a very good night,
I praise God I never waked till now, which
was about seven a clock. Her Mother said,

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Mutter, God hath done great and wonderful things for thee, in manifesting so much of his power upon thee, and to us in thee; the Lord hath set these things aright upon our hearts. *Then* *Her speech* *Mutter* replied with a sigh, O when the Lord is pleased to do great things for us, hee expects and looks for great things from us: even as a Husband-man that sows a great deal of seed, hee looks for a great Crop; if he have a great Seed-time, he looks to reap a great Harvest. So the Lord, when hee is pleased to do great things for his people, hee expects great things from them.

Then her Mother spake again to her, saying, The Lord hath set thy condition upon the hearts of his people, and thou art a Childe of Prayer, by which I hope the Lord will have much glory; for there have been many dayes set apart to seek the Lord on thy behalf. *Then* *Her speech* shee said, O is not that a great mercy? those dayes were dayes of love to my poor soul. We do not discern mercies to be mercies, we are so full of corruption and sin; because the strong man armed had taken possession in our hearts, but there is a stronger than he that will dispossess him.

Her Mother said, there are many Ministers who have wrestled with God for thee, both *Her speech* in publick and in private. Shee said, I would be glad to see them, that I may give them thanks

thanks for their pains, and love to my soul.

Her Mother further said, We are comfortably encouraged to depend upon the Lord in the Duty of prayer, for we have had apparent and immediate answers from him.

Oh, said she, this is a sweet mercy; *The seed of Jacob shall not seek the face of God in vain.*

Her speech
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That morning she very freely and cheerfully expressed her self in any thing which concerned her spiritual condition; and shee was so free, and her spirit was so enlarged to speak, that her Mother dissuaded her from speaking so much, for fear of spending her little stock of spirit, she being but weak, by reason of the sore rackings & stretchings of all parts with her Convulsions, her sinews were drawn all upon knots in the flesh; and at her first Recovery her flesh was blackish, red and white (as they compared it) like marble; which was a strange sight, as (indeed) were all the Lords dealings with her. As that shee should bee so extraordinary fat when she took so little, as we could scarce discern whether she took any thing or no: she was lean before her visitation, and is so now again since her Recovery.

Oh, no, no (said she) my spirits can never be spent with speaking of my God: if any would feed me with speaking of my God, I could live upon it.

Her speech

The same day, being the ninth of December,

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Her Recovery.

her Uncle *Hatfield* a Captain in the Army, a godly man, came to her, and did ask her if she knew him? she said, mee have forgotten you; but I hope God will give mee my memory in due time, that I may know you; then he asked her how she did? she said, me is pretty well; I praise God; but within an hour and a half after he came to her again, & did ask her if she did know him; and after a little time, earnestly viewing of him (her eyes being yet weak) she said, Oh my Uncle *John*! my good Uncle, my dear Uncle *John*! then said he, you have been long time afflicted; but I hope you have found the love of God towards you in this affliction; for those whom he doth love, he doth chastize.

Her Speech She said, I hope so; *They are Bastards and no Sons, whom the Lord correcteth not.*

Then he asked her, if she had not a Dimness before her eyes? Yes, said she; but I hope that if God please to lend mee life, hee will give mee the comforts of life, to make my life comfortable, and that he will raise me up, and give me my senses by little and little; then he said, You have spoken much of God, and have been an instrument of much good to people.

Her Speech that came to hear you. She replied, My soul will rejoyce in that; it was not me, it was the Spirit of God in me; I am but a poor Earth-worm, and can do nothing of my self.

Then he said, you have spoken very much there

ny, there be a few Books written of what you did
 speak; Is there so, said she, I wish they may Her speech
 you look at a good end. He did ask her whether she
 did remember what she had said. No, said she, Her speech
 asked I have forgot, but I hope God will give me
 well memory, that I may tell to others what God Psal. 66.
 if she hath done to my soul; I pray Uncle, pray to God
 if she for my memory.

Being asked several questions of such things
 as she had uttered in her stiff fits, she answered
 to the same sense, and in most of the same
 words. It was asked her, whether faith or re-
 pentance was the first work in conversion? she *Quest.*
 said, You must first lay the ground-work of *Her Answer*
 faith, and then repent, and return home to the
 Lord; you are not at home here, you are but
 pilgrims and strangers.

It was asked her, what was the Corner-stone
 in the spiritual building of the Church? she *Quest.*
 said, Christ, but the stone is three-cornered, *Her Answer*
 the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

It was asked her, what was faith, hope, and
 charity? she said, Faith is a gift of God to be- *Quest.*
 lieve in Christ; Hope, is a hoping to enjoy *Answer*
 Christ; and Charity is the love of Christ.

It was asked, how we may do to get the
 door of Faith opened? She said, walk in the
 paths of righteousness.

Here by the way you may note, that the
 much spirit of God did sometimes help her to
 there speak things that she did not fully under-

stand, she had in one or two of her Riff fits uttered these words;

June 10.

Knock at the gate of Righteousness, and God shall open unto you the door of Faith; in reference to that speech this Question was asked her, but God had not at that time revealed it to her; I believe more of the marrow of the Gospel could scarce have been uttered in so few words; It's the great question with poor souls; they say, if we could believe, then we might have any thing; but how shall we get faith? here many puzzle themselves, as if God had put them to shift for themselves, as a poor man works and gets mony, &c. that will buy him all things: no, though we must ordinarily get faith in hearing, &c. yet not by our hearing; the answer is here, stand and knock at the gate of Righteousness; that Righteousness which justifies us when we believe, doth purchase faith for us that wee may believe. Pardon this digression.

Gal. 2. 16.

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Her Ans.

It was asked her, if the Devil did not go about to destroy her. Yes, said she.

It was asked, who conquered those temptations? she said, Jesus Christ: the Devil goeth about to destroy us with his temptations, but I hope they will not be laid unto our charge, but to the charge of him from whence they came.

Quest.

Ans.

At another time she was asked, why Christ had conquered Satan? she answered, for his own name sake, and not for my sake.

At another time, I being with her, did ask *Quest.*
her, whether she thought that God would re-
cover her strength by his immediate power (as
he had begun) or by the use of means? she an- *Ans.*
swered me very solemnly, I do believe, that
God will raise me up by his immediate power
without means, & Physick.

Then I asked her, if she did not desire that *Quest.*
means might be used? she answered, that she *Her Ans.*
had oft prest her self to be willing to use means,
but yet she could not finde her heart made wil-
ling.

Then I asked, why she desired to be willing *Quest.*
to use means? she answered, because her friends *Ans.*
desired it, and for their satisfaction.

Then I asked her, what ground she had to be- *Quest.*
lieve that God would raise her up by his im- *Ans.*
mediate power? she answered, because God
did not make her willing to use the means;
though she had oft desired it of him; and if he
would have her use means, he would make her
willing: and then she had heard of that provi-
dence. Now God shut up her teeth, whilst the
Physician was in the House from the eighth of
September till December, about three months;
and she further said, that she thought that God
would not that the Physician should have any
part of the honour of raising her to health,
but he would have all the glory to himself.

At another time I spake thus to her, Open

Quest.
Answ.

Adams, you told me that you did believe God would raise you up by his immediate power, he hath done much for you, but yet you have many relicks of weakness upon you; will you endeavour to act faith upon that power of God? she answered, it is my desire, but I have nothing but what is freely given me of my God.

One night, when they were undressing of her, one told her, she had no shoes (for they had given all her clothes and wearing things to some poor children, not expecting her life) & her father said, there was a Shoo-maker in the town but he was a Quaker; she asked, what was that? it was answered, hee was one that fleights Ministers, and Gods Ordinances; she replied, she would have no Quakers shoes then.

- At another time, the same thing being discoursed of, and she giving the same answer, her Sister *Hannah* (who was very tender of her, and had prejudiced her self with her care of her, and of her Mother, in their weaknesses) asked her, if she knew what the Quakers were? she answered, they are such as are above Ornaments (for then she could not pronounce many words, her speech being gradually restored to her) her Sister said, what mean you? she answered, I shall make you understand, they are such as fleight Gods Ministers, whom he hath sent to preach his Word.

Another hearing of his discourse, did ask her why

why she would have no Quakers shoos, did she think there was any errors sewed up in the seams of the shoos? she answered, no, but (saith she) they say I am a Quaker, and to convince them that I am not, I will have no dealings with them.

Many other such passages there were, but I forbear to add more.

It is observable, that in the time of the shutting up of her teeth (which, as was noted before, was from the eighth of September to the seventh of December) yet her mouth was never sore, which was much feared; and when the Lord restored her, her mouth being opened, they discovered that it was very well, &c (which makes it more wonderful) within two or three Daies it began to be very sore.

And further, observe another wonderful passage of Gods dealing with her (as indeed nothing was ordinary which related to her restoration) namely in her Diet when she began to eat, the strongest meat did best agree with her stomach, and that which was conceived to be of difficultest digestion she most desired, & it did best with her. When her stomach would not digest things of more easie concoction: the first things that she desired after Recovery, was Hung or Martins Beef, and Red-Herring, &c still her stomach will digest stronger meats than it could have done before her visitation. And

shee continued pretty well, and with much cheerfulness of Spirit, and the Lord was pleased to make her meat and sleep comfortable to her; but shee had no use at all of her legs, but was carried to bed, and from bed, until the 21. of *December*, which Day shee being in bed, about nine a clock at night, her Father being in the Room, she told him, she felt strength come into her legs; he asked her, How? shee said, it trickled down, and came into her thighs, knees, and ancles, like warm water; and so continued a quarter of an hour; and after that working was past, her Sister *Mannah* took her up, and set her upon her feet, and shee stood by her self without holding, which shee had not done for three quarters of a year before, having had no use of, or strength in her legs; and when shee was laid in bed again, she fell into extremities of hot and cold fits four or five several times; one while as if shee had been dipped in hot water, and again suddenly, as though shee had been dipped in cold water, and presently after shee was very sick and vomited; and that being over, shee had much pain in all her joynts, and in great extremity from the head to the feet; then at an instant she said, I praise God, I am now as well as ever I was in my life, I am neither sick, nor have any pain.

Then her Mother spake to her, Ah childe now thou

thou understandest how suddenly the Lord hath given thee thy limbs, even so suddainly did the Lord give thee thy senses and thy speech, but then thou wast not able to apprehend it.

Oh, said she, how shall we be ever able in any measure to extol the Name of the Lord in praises that are due unto him, for all his mercies to us? I desire that the Lord would be pleased to perfect my heart, and frame it as he will be pleased to accept of it, for I have cause to praise the Lord more than others, seeing the Lord is pleased to take notice of me more than others.

Her Mother said, Childe, is not thy minde full of the apprehensions of the Lords wonderful dealings with thee? Yes said she, but I cannot express it so largely as I desire to do; but I hope the Lord will help me: I can do nothing of my self: but I may say with the Apostle Paul, *I can do anything through Christ that strengthens me.*

Her speech

Then her Mother said, What are we poor miserable miscreants, that the Lord should make choise of a Childe of ours to hold forth so much of his power and glory? she answered, It is not any worthiness that is in us, but it is the Will of the Lord: the Lord saw it good in his all-seeing Decree, for he had decreed before I was born, that I should be so.

Her speech

Her Mother said, Oh, my unbelieving heart would

Her Speech

would never yeild to think that there would be such a glorious end of this affliction. An Mother (said she) the Lord hath done above your faith; what cause have we to praise him?

The 25th of December, when shee rose in the morning, she said she could go; but we were afraid to trust her strength, it being so long a time since she had any use of her leg; yet shee desired leave to make tryal how shee could go, and shee went up and down the Room beyond all expectation, and the Lord so continued his good hand upon her, that she encreased in strength dayly, so that upon the 28th of December, the time appointed for the Thanksgiving when we met there, she was able to come forth into the Hall to meet and welcome us; and we did behold a Miracle, it was wonderful in our eyes, so that our hearts did rejoyce with a kinde of trembling at the glory of the Lord, which appeared in that Object; and it did the more affect, because it was more than many (if not most) of us heard of before we came into the House; so that we see God had still put more matter of praise into our mouths: when wee came together to the Duty, shee came and joyned with us most part of the Day; but the place where we met, being very full of people, shee towards the close of the Day grew somewhat faint and weary, and so withdrew, but was well present-

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ly, and much affected was her heart with the goodness of the Lord; in the morning before we engaged our selves in the Duty of that day, she desired that we might sing a Psalm or two which she had made choice of, viz. the 103. Psalm, or the 118. Psalm, which of them the Ministers pleased; and in the close of the day, the Assembly were desired to praise God in the words of David, written in the eleventh Psalm; and some of the Verses of that Psalm which did best suite with the occasion of the Day, were cull'd out, as the six first Verses, and the 13th. verse to the end of the 18th. also the 21. and 23, 24. and the two last verses. In that Day as wee desired to exalt the Lord in our hearts, who had so signally fulfilled divers promises, and that in particular, *Ps. 11th. verse 15.* which had been often urged formerly; so were her Parents very solicitous, least they should not render unto the Lord according to his marvellous appearances for them and to them; therefore was that promise urged, *Ps. 50. 15. Thou shalt glorifie me,* which (as was declared to them) is not only demonstrative of their Duty, but operative to enable them to perform their Duty; and so we parted with our hearts full of joy, and desires that we might be strengthened by the power of the Lords might to walk worthy of these glorious ownings of his poor worthless creatures.

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Since this Day of Thanksgiving the Lord hath in much mercy increased her strength every Day; shee did not then go so strongly as since shee hath done: one observable passage there was; she was sitting in a chair, & both she and the chair fell, and she hurt her leg. but not long after shee was observed to go with more strength and nimbleness, then before; and God made that fall a means of her rising up to more strength. And not only are her outward parts (through the goodness of God) strengthened, but her understanding, memory, and ripeness of apprehension are much enlarged, beyond what they were before her sicknesse, which wee were much afraid had been utterly and altogether destroyed in this sad visitation. And as a further addition, to make the mercy yet more compleat, the Lord hath been pleased to work a great change in the frame and temper of her disposition, which formerly (by reason of the prevalency of the Spleen, which she is now wholly freed from, as from all other infirmities which shee had formerly) was much inclined to sadness and fretfulness; but now she is of a wondrous meek, quiet, and sedate temper, and walks on with much cheerfulness and evenness of spirit; so that we may discover much of God in her carriages: she is also very diligent in Reading and Prayer, and such other employments as her Mother sees fit

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to exercise her in, so that she may be a pattern for many, who far exceed her in years: and God doth keep her in a wonderful humble frame; shee is not lifted up with her Receptions, but desirous to walk up to her Mercies; she hath not much ravishing joyes, but God hath made good that promise to her, he hath brought her health and cure, and hath revealed to her abundance both of peace and truth.

It hath pleased God, since these passages of Jer. 33. 6 his Providence, again to try that Family, in removing from them that precious Gentlewoman, Mrs. *Fr. Westby*, Mother to Mrs. *Hatfield*, and Grand-mother to this Childe, an ancient Disciple of Christ, who had gained a great addition to her stock of graces, and comforts, by this Childes afflictions and Restauration: she was full of the joy of the Lord in the beholding of these wonderful workings of God in that Family, and is now translated to Heaven, where shee is praising God for those and many other mercies, in a higher strain than our untuned spirits can reach unto; and when God had brought that affliction upon the Family; this Childe perceiving her dear Mother to bee much dejected with that Dispensation, did much labour to comfort her; and amongst other passages this was one. With tears she spake to her Mother thus; Good Mother, labour to submit to the Will

Will of God, O labour to submit; if ye do not submit willingly, God can make us to submit.

I shall shut up the *Narrative* with this passage of this Childes dear Father, in the close of his Relation which he sent to me *viz.* The power of the Lord be made known in all his works, with thankfulness to his glory for ever.

To which I will add my A M E N.

The Conclusion of the Narrative.

THe Caution which this sweet Childe hinted (as was before noted) that we should look to a good end in publishing her speeches, took such impression on my spirit, that (though I was strongly urged to it) I durst not venture upon the presenting of these things to publick view, before I had first examined my ends in that undertaking, and could (through the free Grace of God, I hope in some measure) approve my heart to him in that enterprize.

And since I have undertaken it, I am sorry that I could not dispatch it sooner, whilst the impressions were fresh upon the spirits of her Friends; but my many diversions & interruptions in that populous place, where God hath cast my lot, must be my Apology, and I hope the publishing of these things now may serve (through the supply of the Spirit of Christ) to revive those thoughts and resolutions, which I hope will never be wholly obliterated.

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That which I shall only add, is the ends and
 uses, which I conceive our wise God might
 have, and which wee and others should make
 of such wonderful Works of his, and I shall
 refer them to two ^{Higher} Heads; they are } Particularly, that
 such as concern } Or 2 Generally, the Na-
 tion.

1. Particularly, that Family; and there,
 1 God did fore-see what his intentions were,
 in that Family, as taking to himself that pre-
 cious Gentlewoman Mrs. *Westby*, the Grand-
 Mother of this Childe: shee was one of the
 most affectionate Mothers that I have been ac-
 quainted with; she had two Sons, Mr. *Thomas*
Westby, and Mr. *George Westby*; and two Daugh-
 ters, Mrs. *Hatfield*, and Mrs. *Spencer*, Wife of
 Lieutenant Colonel *Spencer*; and she had much
 comfort in them (as in her Grand-children,
 all of them are grown up, giving good hopes of
 Grace wrought in them.)

These were planted near together, and a-
 mongst them she spent her time and strength;
 some of them being much visited with bodily
 weaknesses, and manifold temptations, in all
 which, she was a singular help of their faith and
 comforts; I have heard of many dutiful chil-
 dren, who have been very serviceable to their
 Mothers, but have not heard of a Mother so
 officious (that I say serviceable) to her chil-
 dren;

dren; so that their affections could not but be much let out to her; and therefore the parting with her would bee the more difficult: wherefore I think, God did act these wonders in that Family, to strengthen their Faith, to arm them for such a trial as this; that they who had seen so much of God, might be taught (in any tryal) more willingly to submit to God: He that raised so great comfort to them out of such an affliction, they might now stay upon, that hee would give an abundant supply to them; what ever comforts he should take from them; Hee did therefore give them these Cordials to carry with them, when they should be put to meet with new storms and tempests again; and I wish they may, and hope they will improve those experiences to these ends and uses.

2^d That family (whereof this childe is a member) hath been much afflicted more than other families, and it hath been a praying family, and many were ready to say, What are they the better for their Fasting & Praying? they are alwaies under affliction: I conceive therefore God hath owned them, that *as their afflictions have*
 2^d Cor. 1. 4 *abounded, so their comforts much more:* God hath made them eminent in respect of his wonderful workings for them, as they were before, by reason of his afflictings of them and I hope that when they lay their afflictions and consolations in the Balance (they will experience, that affli-
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sted godlings is better than successful wicked-
ness; and that if the same had not been so rare,
their stomachs had not been so quick; and that
if they had not sunk into the waters of afflicti-
ons, they had never learnt to swim in the Ri-
vers of true pleasures.

I desire they may yet more and more, and
hope they do find out many medicinal vertues
in the great Herbal of the Scriptures, which
they had never discovered, had they not been
exercised with new maladies; they would not
so have learnt to live *the life of faith*, if they had
not been sometimes under the *sentence of death*
in their own sense; they would never have so
powerfully discovered Gods power and faith-
fulness, if they had not seen manifestly their
own weakness. Truly, I find the most of God
in those who are afflicted by God.

2. Generally, to the inhabitants of this
Nation: I conceive Gods ends are,

1. To convince them by his Works, who
will not be won by his Word; the wonderful
way of manifesting these precious Truths by
this Childe doth cry aloud to us to praise
them; God hath raised up a Childe to reprove
the men of this generation for their oppositi-
ons against that holy Childe Jesus, and to exhort
them to seek more for Christ, who are so much
in seeking great things for themselves; shee
speaks much of slighting the World to those

Acts 4. 27.

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that are so much slighting the Word; O that this use were made of it, that there were more seeking faith and Christ, and less seeking of self and Creatures; that there were more practise of real holiness, and less breaking forth of open prophaneness, and that under the notion (O Dreadful) of perfection; and that we may not bee like, as was said of the School-men, who turned all Religion *in seruum, non in usum*; for as *Luther* elegantly, God loves *Curristas*, not *Quaristas*, practisers, not praters; walkers, not talkers of Religion.

3. God hath in these glorious actions most eminently and evidently carried on this great Design of Love to confirm the hearts of people that his presence is with his Ministers, and such sober-hearted Christians, *who have not defiled themselves with women, i.e.* (I conceive with others) with false worships: and to bear witness against those who slight the institutions and appointments of Jesus Christ, and obtruding upon miserably seduced souls, things of their own devising, which never came into his heart to appoint; who instead of following the Lamb where ever he goeth, do follow the Wolf in a Lambskin where ever he goeth; who slight the written Word, and so strike at the Crown and Scepter of Jesus Christ, *The King of Saints*. God hath opened the mouth of the Dumb to confute the madness of those that

that oppose his Holy Institutions, and in that he hath so miraculously raised her up at the enterprises of his poor Ministers and Servants, when some of those above-Ordinances people scorned at our Fastings and Prayings, he hath evidently owned (shall I say us? alas, who are we? we desire to be willing to decrease, so that Christ may increase, but hee hath owned) his own Ordinances, and Officers, and those Despised Duties Fasting and Praying: and Oh that they who slight these appointments of Christ, would consider those Prophecies, *Isa. 66. 24.* with *35.* and *Zach. 14.* from *16.* to *19.* verses, which I conceive are prophecies calculated for Gospel-times, and will in the Military part thereof, fall heavy upon the new Gospellers of our times, and woe to them against whom the sweet-mouthed promises shall spie fire and brimstone; the Coals of sweet *Juniiper*, they say, are the hottest.

It may bee some (whose principles and principles are loose enough) will say, God hath owned them in their seekings of him: To such I shall only say this, that is when men comply with Antichrist (though indirectly) God hath opposed their enterprizes, though he may love some of their persons: so those that oppose Antichrist (though it may be indirectly too) yee see may and hath owned and prospered their undertakings, and yet be angry with their per-

sonal errors and miscarriages, ~~and~~ it was
 their happiness that they had a good cause, and
 2 Cor. 1. 9 though he heard prayers that were sent up for
 them as they did his Work, yet not as they
 intended their own work.

But O that poor misled souls would hear
 the voice of these providential workings of God
 in this example, and would now with others,
 of Gods people gather together, and appoint
 themselves one head Jesus Christ, owning him
 and his institutions, till they be as clearly abo-
 lished, as they were evidently instituted by his
 unquestionable Authority, that Great might be
 the day of *Jehovah*, even of our English *Israel*.

And if this Narrative may have any such
 effect upon the hearts of my dear Country men
 in this Nation (for whom I have had sorrow in
 my heart) I shall turn my mournings into re-
 joycings, and in the meantime fix my eye and
 heart upon those promises, *Amos 9. 17. Hosea*
1. 11. and particularly that which I think ex-
 cludes not the Gentiles, *great shall be the day of*
Jehovah Amen. *For it shall come. Lord Jesus.*

~~Edw. N. S. 1651~~

~~Postscript to the Reader~~

The Truth of the particulars related in the
 preceding Narrative, will be avouched by
 many persons of worth, both for Honesty and Piety, that
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whereof, if any doubt, they may enquire at Leighton in Yorkshire, or in several other Towns near adjoining, and be fully satisfied in all particulars. Many Names (by way of Testimonial) might have been produced; but this Reference is thought sufficient.

We hope (Reader) those that are engaged in this work, dare not commit such impiety, as to gull the world with a piece of Forgery.

April 18. 1653.

Imprimatur Joseph Caryl.

Here follow some Additions, which the Friends of the Childe desire should be annexed, which came to our hands since the

Second Impression.

A brief account of Gods dealings with this Childe, since the first Relation of her Recovery.

Since (possibly) it is expected and desired, and also may be serviceable to the promoting of Gods glorious Name, in his workings for this child, that I should declare her state & condition at this present; I have thought good (being also drawn to it by the request of friends) briefly to publish the following particulars. That she hath continued (through the good hand of God upon her) in very good health,

for the greatest part of her time since her Recovery: Only that sad blow in the Removal (by death) of that precious Gentlewoman *Mistress Frances Westby*, occasioned much sadness to the friends of this childe, and particularly to her dear Mother, with whom she did so sympathize, as occasioned sorrow to seize upon her spirit, and her tender parents did fear she would have been overwhelmed with melancholly, & indeed sometimes her spirits were very low, & yet she enjoys better health than ever, even to this day, & all things conducive thereunto, as Appetite, Digestion, Sleep, &c.

When the Printed Book (which contains a Relation of her Speeches, &c.) came first to her knowledge and view, she was observed to retire her self for some hours; and one time fell into a great passion of weeping; and the ground of her sadness was (as she declared to her Mother) the consideration of what was there in that Book set forth to bee spoken by her; and she feared she was an Hypocrite, and should never bee able to walk up to those Truths there laid open, and so shee should bee a shame to profession, and open the mouth of wicked men to speak evil: But it pleased the Lord before she left her Chamber (whither she had retired) to discover to her that it was temptation of Satan, who had often been busy with her, and that now she would trust God

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that has done so much for her, still to carry on his Work in her, and to hold up her goings in his paths.

When I understood this passage, I did conclude that the Devil was a Fool; God, and he had very contrary aims and ends; for though Satan might have a finger in this temptation, yet the Hand of the Lord was above and beyond him in the thing wherein he dealt maliciously; he thought to have vanquished her Faith, and to have made her live uncomfortably, but God hath turned it to good: hee can extract Cordials out of poysons, and through the influence of his skill, make faith do that which they feign the Philosophers Stone would do, turn all to Gold it touches; he by it makes golden effects to arise out of earthly, nay, hellish temptations. These Occurrences were ordered by our wise and gracious God to be as a thorn in the flesh, to keep this sweet Childe from being exalted above measure, by reason of the extraordinary Dispensations of God towards her, and in that her name should now bee so much taken notice of by the Printing of her Book; and the Lord hath and doth to this Day keep her in a very humble frame, which we account a very high mercy.

She doth much prize the Ordinances of God, and loves much to be in Holy Exercises, and to enjoy Christian Communion is her great de-

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light: and if any do speak of any thing of God, she is wondrous attentive, and as the word notes, doth as a little Bird hang on the mouth of the Dam, greedily catching what falls from them; and she hath sometimes said to her Mother, that she could not be content to live under dead ordinances, but delighted much in living and powerful dispensations.

Shee is very diligent, walwayes employed in Reading, Praying, or doing some business in the Family.

Her Friends put her to a Writing-School, and shee hath made a good progress in that Work; so that shee is (I hope) able to write her minde to her Friends on earth (and to be useful to them that way) as God hath graciously given her a Spirit of Prayer to express her self to her great Friend in Heaven. I have heard her pray with much affection and fervour (though I perswade my self shee did not know of any so neer as to hear her at that time.)

Shee is somewhat slow of speech naturally, but when she doth express her self, her words have much weight and worth, and savour of much humility and graciousness. She hath not much of Tongue-Christianity, but her practice and carriage in all Duties that shee knows belong to her, is very Christian; shee is of a very tender Conscience, and afraid of sin; and

and with new dislike of it in others; shee is of a Matron-like behaviour, and though shee be young in years, yet shee is old in manners, whose wisdom, gravity, and seriousness, wee hope the Lord will use as instrumental of much good to many; the very sight of her, and especially the remembrance of what God hath done to and by her, have an heart-raising and affecting influence, and occasion many good discourses, whereby I hope many will be edified, and so God have the more glory. These things I write in her commendation, I hope will caution not to puff her up, &c.

The Childe being questioned about her spiritual condition, saith:

Shee blesteth God, shee is at present freed from temptations, and hath gotten strength against them in the way of seeking to God by Prayer. Shee hath a hungry and thirsting spirit after fulness from Christ, it being her meat and drink to do the Will of her Father; and hath Peace and Joy through the abundance of hope, continuing in an humble submissive frame, being sensible of her own weaknesses, desiring in the Name of Christ to return praises unto her Father; and is something troubled that shee cannot return according to the enlargements of her desires.

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To conclude, I see God is still putting on, and making the spirits of her Friends to press forward

forward that they may obtain yet more Advantage by these wonderful Dispensations, and that their Family may be an exemplary Family. So pregnant a mercy was this, that it hath more mercies in the womb of it, and will I hope be still more fruitful.

COURTESY Reader, Thy prayers are earnestly begged by this Childs dear Parents and friends, that they may never live to dishonour such glorious Manifestations of Gods free mercies towards them, may be enabled to shew forth the virtues of him who calls them out of darkness into his marvellous light, Light shining through precious promises, and wonderful providences: As Gods Word gives light, so do his Works; they desirously thirst, that there may be more lively workings of Gods Spirit in their hearts, and that God might reap fruits in some measure proportionate to what hath been sown, that hea would multiply the seed sown, and encrease the fruits of their righteousness, to the praise of his glorious Grace, through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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SOME OBSERVATIONS

IN
The Fourth Year since her

RECOVERY.

THe fourth year is now begun since the Recovery of this sweet Childe, and I thought it might bee useful to relate some particulars whereby I might shew forth the continuance of Gods goodness to her, and the rather, because I observe, that such extraordinary Providences sometimes have (to say no more) a black Cloud drawn over them, which darken the glory thereof: but (blessed bee the God of Mercies) it is not so with her; God doth mercifully continue his good hand upon her for good, as to her bodily health, and also to her spiritual condition; God keeps her still in a very humble hungering frame of spirit;

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spirit; shee is constant in secret Duties, hath a sweet glistin Prayer, and I hope that Spirit of Prayer is poured forth upon her; and though shee hath not much joy, yet the Lord is pleased to give her much Peace; and I observe, that in these times, that is the safest condition, and that such who are kept at shorter commons, and in a conflicting condition, who have not such ravishing joyes (as others talk of) are the soberest and soundest in their judgements, and fruitfulest in their practices, and they who talk of high Attainments, have not attained that measure of holiness which these reach to; not but I think the consolations of the Spirit have a proper tendency to advance holiness, but yet I fear the Land-Floud of Comforts makes the streams overflow the Banks, and so the River seems greater than it is; their comforts are rather the issue of their own spirits, than the off-spring of Gods Spirit, and Ships under sail with Top and Top gallant, being not well ballasted, oft suffer shipwrack.

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If the Trees of *Lebanon* spread their branches, and grow upward, but do not cast forth their Roots and grow downward, they are subject to be over-turned with every storm and tempest; they who speak of new notions, and yet keep not in the old paths; of great Revelations, and yet neglect the

the D^{uty} of their Relations, and of being brought forth into marvellous light; and yet walk in darkness, we see many of them go out in a snuff, their budding hopes being blasted; but the Lord hath in his free mercies (who doth nothing for our sakes) preserved Ezek. 36. this his Servant, so that shee is in a thriving 32. growing temper. Shee hath many fears, and by Gods withdrawings from her, I believe hee doth advantage her (as others of his people experience) as much as by the communications of himself to her. And (as instruments under God) I may impure this to the wisdom of her dear Parents, who have still put her upon it to take notice that high favours call for high actions and much obedience, they have not (as some have a vain spirit that way) gone about to puffe up her heart, as if because of the extraordinariness of Gods Dispensations towards her, she might expect higher discoveries and manifestations than the Word allows any to look for, or that shee might do wonders, because God hath made her a Wonder of Mercies. I fear such an itch of pride carries some out to irregular actions. Shee hath her engagements lie before her to keep her humble, that shee may not be lifted up in her self, and to quicken her to be active for God. Shee very much desires that all who know of her condition would be earnest

will with the Lord (at such times ~~as~~ hearts
have most communion with him) on her behalf,
that she may be kept in an humble frame, and
may answer the great engagements which lye
upon her. Shee is very sensible of her falling
short of what God and man expects from her;
and very much desires that as her Receptions
from God have exceeded the bounds of his or-
dinary Dispensations, so her disbursements for
God, may hold some proportion therewith.
Yet must I say (though shee much fear her
self, and complain much of her unprofitable-
ness) God makes her very useful to her Re-
lations (as to others) the words which fall
from her are spoken with that awful reverence,
and so feelingly, as adds a marvellous grace
unto them, and they do much affect the hearts
of the hearers.

I shall give one instance; it pleased the
Lord to exercise this Family in taking away
their younger Son Master *Jonathan Harfield*
(I think not twelve years old) he gave sweet
testimonies of a gracious work upon his heart,
more than could have been expected at those
years; amongst other Speeches of his, this
was one, *Mother (said he) God is good, and
nothing is good but what is enjoyed in God:*
It is not to bee slighted, that God took him
from them in the same Month, Day of the
Month, and about the same hour of the Day
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that *Mother* his Sister (three years
 before) began first to speak; about the time of
 his departure; his tender Father (he being the
 Son of his old age) fell into a passion of grief
 (though hee is one of an excellent spirit, & an
 example of moderation and patience to all
 that see his behaviour under those great Try-
 als he hath met with) at that time this Childe
 came to him, and having spoken some sea-
 sonable words to him, hee presently said, *My*
Childe, I bleſs God for thee, thou haſt comforted
my heart; what the words were, I could not
 have time to enquire of: the dear Mother also
 of this Childe being very sick and full of pain,
 that morning before the Interment of her Son,
 desired this Childe to pray with her, and shee
 prevailed with her to perform that Duty, and
 her Mother told me, she was much revived and
 refreshed with the gracious words which came
 from her, with that seriousness and affection,
 as far exceeded her expectations; and I take
 this to bee a choice mercy to them that they
 should have this Childe as a Cordial by them
 alwaies to revive their drooping spirits; and
 indeed shee is a singular help and comfort to
 them by her savoury speeches, and the thoughts
 of Gods dealings with her, and that which pro-
 ceeds from her in her discourse, hath oft raised
 up their faith when it was ready to hang the
 wing : I remember one expression which shee
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turned to my self, uttering it
 viz. If one stroke would do, God would not strike
 twice; she spake it to me that day I came to
 the Funeral of her Brother; she meant it thus:
 If one stroke would teach us the Great Lesson
 of Submission to Gods Will, hee would not
 strike twice: Having lately taken away her
 dear Sister, Mrs. Hannah Harfield, and now
 her younger Brother, *quid habet* *in diebus*
 Good Reader, let God have all the praise
 and this precious Child, and her Friends, an
 interest in thy Prayers, that since he casts forth
 a Plank or Cable, to keep them from sinking,
 they may walk worthy of these experiences of
 his love and faithfulness into all well-pleasing,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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